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Police officers stand outside the apartment of Dr. Craig Spencer, who tested positive for the Ebola virus Thursday, in the Harlem neighborhood of New York, Oct. 23, 2014. Spencer was rushed to Bellevue Hospital on Thursday and placed in isolation while health care workers spread out across the city to trace anyone who he might have come into contact with in recent days.

(Jennifer S. Altman/The New York Times)

## New York City Patient Tests Positive for Ebola

**MARC SANTORA**  
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**NEW YORK** - A doctor in New York City who recently returned from treating Ebola patients in Guinea tested positive for the Ebola virus Thursday, becoming the city's first diagnosed case. The doctor, Craig Spen-

cer, was rushed to Bellevue Hospital Center on Thursday and placed in isolation while health care workers spread out across the city to trace anyone he might have come into contact with in recent days. A further test will be conducted by the federal Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention to confirm the initial test.

While officials have said they expected isolated cases of the disease to arrive in New York eventually, and had been preparing for this moment for months, the first case highlighted

the challenges surrounding containment of the virus, especially in a crowded metropolis.

Even as the authorities worked to confirm that Spencer was infected with Ebola, it emerged that he traveled from Manhattan to Brooklyn on the subway

Wednesday night, when he went to a bowling alley and then took a taxi home. The next morning, he reported having a temperature of 103 degrees, raising questions about his health while he was out in public.

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**Ottawa:**

## Despite signs, gunman was not flagged as a threat

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**OTTAWA, Ontario** - The Canadian police acknowledged on Thursday that the gunman who traumatized the capital in a deadly shooting rampage had not been identified as a security threat despite his criminal record in three cities, embrace of extremist ideas and intent to travel to Syria.

The police also conceded that they did not even know that the gunman, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, had been in the capital for nearly three weeks.

The revelations at a news conference came a day after the gunman paralyzed the heart of the capital, killing a soldier at a war memorial before he was shot dead in the halls of Parliament.

The new detailed information helped fill in vast gaps about Zehaf-Bibeau's surprise assault, including chilling video footage of his arrival on Parliament Hill.

Commissioner Bob Paulson of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the gunman's motives remained largely unknown, but the commissioner said he was confident that Zehaf-Bibeau had acted alone and had no strong ties to other extremists.

The commissioner, the head of Canada's national police, said that much remained a mystery about the shooting frenzy that led to Zehaf-Bibeau's death, trapped thousands of people in downtown Ottawa and, at one point, left Prime Minister Stephen Harper without bodyguards and separated only by a wooden door from a gun-

fight.

"The RCMP did not even know Mr. Zehaf was in Ottawa," Commissioner Paulson said during the lengthy

of Zehaf-Bibeau's growing frustration over delays in his passport application, his apparent sympathies for radicalism and his "diffi-

mental health problems.

The police determined that Zehaf-Bibeau, who was born in Montreal, had arrived in Ottawa as early

pedite his passport application, a process that the police had not blocked.

He moved into the Ottawa Mission, a homeless shelter less than a 10-minute walk from the National War Memorial, where Zehaf-Bibeau would shoot and kill Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, the single father of a young child from Hamilton, Ontario.

About two days before the attack, Zehaf-Bibeau was a fixture in the shelter's main sitting room, having loud conversations on a pay phone, his frustration appearing to mount as he made call after call looking for an inexpensive "junker" car, said Paul MacIntyre, 52, a resident who overheard him.

"Anybody living in a rooming house who has 600 to 700 bucks to blow on a junker," seems out of place, he said. "With that you could get a bus ticket all the way across the country."

A striking figure, with black curls to his shoulders, a small mustache and goatee, Zehaf-Bibeau was frequently seen prostrate on a small prayer mat he kept for praying in the stairwells, said another resident, David Duchesne, 50.



**Speaker of the House of Commons Andrew Scheer follows Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers through the Hall of Honour during the Speakers parade in the House of Commons Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014. Applause from all sides of the House rained down on Vickers as he entered the legislative chamber. Vickers was among those who opened fire on Michael Zehaf Bibeau, who stormed Parliament Hill on Wednesday.**

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Adrian Wyld)

news conference. "We need to look at all operations to deal with this difficult and hard-to-understand threat."

The police, he said, had only learned about Zehaf-Bibeau's Syrian travel plans from his mother after his death. Nor was he among the 93 people that the national police forces monitor as being likely to travel abroad to join organizations recognized as terror groups under Canadian law.

All the commissioner could offer as explanation for the violence of Wednesday was a combination

cult circumstances," which appeared to include drug use, unemployment and

as Oct. 2. He had come to the capital, Paulson said, apparently hoping to ex-

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# New York City patient tests positive for Ebola

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People infected with Ebola cannot spread the disease until they begin to display symptoms, and it cannot be spread through the air. As people become sicker, the viral load in the body builds, and they become more and more contagious.

Spencer's travel history and the timing of the onset of his symptoms led health officials to dispatch disease detectives who "immediately began to actively trace all of the patient's contacts to identify anyone who may be at potential risk," according to a statement released by the department.

It was unclear if the city was trying to find people who might have come into contact with Spencer on the subway. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority directed all questions to the health department, which did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the issue.

At Spencer's apartment in Harlem, his home was sealed off and workers distributed informational fliers about the disease. It was not clear if anyone was being quarantined.

Health authorities declined to say how many people in total might have come into contact with Spencer while he was symptomatic. Mayor Bill de Blasio, speaking at a news conference Thursday evening before the diagnosis, said Spencer has given health workers a detailed accounting of his activities over the last few days. "Our understanding is that very few people were in direct contact with him," de Blasio said.

Spencer had been working with Doctors Without Borders in Guinea, treating Ebola patients, before returning to New York City on Oct. 14, according to a city official.

He told the authorities that he did not believe the protective gear he wore while working with Ebola patients had been breached but had been monitoring

his own health.

Doctors Without Borders, in a statement, said it provides guidelines for its staff members on their return from Ebola assignments, but did not elaborate on those protocols.

"The individual engaged in regular health monitoring and reported this development immediately," the group said in a statement. Bellevue doctors have prepared for an Ebola patient with numerous drills and tests using "test patients" as well as treatment of suspected cases that turned out to be false alarms.

A health care worker at the hospital said that Spencer seemed very sick and it was unclear to the medical staff why he had not gone to the hospital earlier, since his fever was high, at 103. Spencer is a fellow of international emergency medicine at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, and an instructor in clinical medicine at Columbia University.

"He is a committed and responsible physician who always puts his patients first," the hospital said in a statement. "He has not been to work at our hospital and has not seen any patients at our hospital since his return from overseas."

The authorities have been on high alert ever since Thomas Eric Duncan traveled to the United States in September from Liberia, and was later given a diagnosis of Ebola.

Duncan died at a Dallas hospital this month.

Several days after his death, a nurse who helped care for Duncan learned she had Ebola. Two nurses who treated Duncan fell ill but have since recovered. That single case led to hundreds of people being quarantined or being asked to remain isolated from the general public.

The missteps by both local and federal authorities in handling the nation's first Ebola case raised questions about the ability of health care workers to safely treat those with the disease. □



The entrance to Bellevue Hospital in New York, Oct. 23, 2014. Dr. Craig Spencer, who tested positive for the Ebola virus Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, was rushed to Bellevue Hospital on Thursday and placed in isolation while health care workers spread out across the city to trace anyone who he might have come into contact with in recent days.

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## For Clinton and Cuomo, a dance of expediency

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Heading into the 1992 presidential campaign, the long-shot candidacy of Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas rested largely on whether Gov. Mario M. Cuomo of New York, who was considered a presumptive front-runner, decided to enter the race. Cuomo, of course, did not, and the rest is history.

What a difference a couple of decades and a two-term presidency can make. As Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo seeks a second term in his father's old office and Hillary Rodham Clinton considers another run for the White House, a Cuomo rally in Manhattan on Thursday seemed the clearest signal yet that Cuomo, 56, would put aside his own presidential ambitions to support Clinton should she run.

"They ask me all the time about Hillary Clinton - 'What's Hillary going to do? What do you think?'" Cuomo said at the rally. "I say, 'Well, Hillary Clinton is so good that whatever she does, she's going to be an

overwhelming success,'" he added. "'And I hope she does something really, really, really big.' That's what I hope."

up enthusiasm amid a Cuomo's sagging approval ratings - the event was only the most recent twist in an up-and-down, decades-

Considered cordial but not close, the Clintons and the Cuomos have forged alliances when it has suited them. Bill Clinton devel-

the relationship has not been without awkwardness.

The tension dates back to when Clinton, then a young governor from the South hoping to pay his respects to Gov. Mario M. Cuomo, arrived at the capitol in Albany only to be told the governor was "much too busy," said a prominent Democrat who was told firsthand about the episode. That person, like several others interviewed for this article, insisted on anonymity to preserve a relationship. ("In fairness, Mario would have made the pope wait," a former aide to the elder Cuomo said.)

Then, in 1992, in a phone conversation with Jennifer Flowers, when Flowers said she would not be surprised if Mario Cuomo, who is Italian-American, had "Mafioso major connections," Clinton said the governor "acts like one." (Clinton apologized, but Cuomo seized on the comment to portray Clinton as insensitive to ethnic minorities.)

Hillary Clinton has less of a connection to Andrew Cuomo than does Bill Clinton, who relied on him for policy and political advice when Cuomo led the federal housing department. Hillary Clinton is said to be more dubious of Cuomo's intentions and his sharp-elbowed style. A spokesman for Hillary Clinton said Cuomo "has been a tireless advocate for New York" and that "she was proud to campaign for him."

It was all smiles at the rally Thursday when Clinton took the stage at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in midtown Manhattan to chants of "2016!" Clinton left no question about her support for Cuomo.



**Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo sit together on the stage during a "Women for Cuomo" campaign event in New York, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014. Clinton is backing Cuomo in his bid for a second term. Cuomo faces Republican Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino in the Nov. 4 general election.**

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

If the role reversal seemed complete - a Clinton's star power being used to drum

long relationship between two of New York's most powerful political families.

oped genuine respect for Andrew Cuomo's political savvy, and vice versa. But

## Rand Paul tries to peel away isolationist label

**STEVE PEOPLES  
Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Charging that "America cannot disengage from the world," U.S. Sen. Rand Paul on Thursday confronted critics who brand him an isolationist as he endorsed an American foreign policy that embraces war with limits.

The libertarian-leaning Kentucky Republican is eyeing a 2016 presidential bid despite skepticism from party leaders over his worldview. Paul on Thursday described

military action as necessary under certain conditions.

"America should and will fight wars when the consequences — intended and unintended — are worth the sacrifice," he said in a 20-minute speech shortly before accepting an award from the Center for the National Interest, a think tank founded by former President Richard Nixon. "America shouldn't fight wars where the best outcome is stalemate. America shouldn't fight wars when there is no plan

for victory."

Paul has drawn sharp criticism from within his own party for favoring a smaller American footprint on the international stage. The first-term Kentucky senator has called for the end of all foreign aid and closing some U.S. military bases abroad.

Similar positions helped sink the presidential ambitions of his father, former Texas Rep. Ron Paul. That's a fate the younger Paul is working hard to avoid.

Polling suggests that a

war-weary American public might respond well to Paul's reframing, even if his positions concern some of the Republican Party's most powerful donors and opinion leaders. New York Rep. Peter King has warned that a Paul presidency would be "disastrous" for the nation's interests and likened his views to the Republican Party's isolationist wing from the 1930s.

Paul earned a much warmer reception while facing a friendly audience Thursday night.



## Dad: White House jumper has "mental health" issues

JESSICA GRESKO

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The latest person to climb over the White House fence had the paranoid belief he was being watched by cameras and had previously been arrested at the executive mansion, his father said. Dominic Adesanya was ordered held without bond in an appearance Thursday before a U.S. judge. Wearing blue prison garb, he resisted being taken away and started talking as two deputy marshals removed him from the courtroom.

Adesanya, 23, has been charged with two federal offenses: unlawfully entering the restricted grounds of the White House and harming two law enforcement dogs that were released to take him down. A preliminary hearing and detention hearing have been scheduled for Monday.

The incident came about a month after a previous White House fence jumper, Omar Gonzalez, sprinted across the same lawn carrying a knife, ran past armed uniformed agents and entered the mansion before being felled in the East Room and taken into custody. This week a federal judge delayed his arraignment because of questions about his mental fitness to stand trial.

The embarrassing Sept. 19 incident preceded the disclosure of other serious Secret Service breaches in security for President Barack Obama and ultimately led to Julia Pierson's resignation as director of the agency after 18 months on the job.

Earlier Thursday, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said options are being considered to enhance security at the White House, including more personnel, technology and physical impediments to get in. He praised the agents' response, saying, "Yesterday's incident underscores the professionalism of men and women of the Secret Service."

Adesanya had previously been arrested at the White House on July 27 and ordered to undergo mental health screening. His father, Victor Adesanya, said in a telephone interview Thursday that his son has been experiencing mental health problems for over a year, but he refused the help the family tried to get for him. Victor Adesanya said his son was diagnosed with paranoia and "complained about cameras everywhere." He said at one point his son took down a mirror in the bathroom and cut into the wall, trying to find a camera. He also looked for them in the family's attic. He said his son was not trying to hurt the president.

"He's not violent. He's not a criminal. He's not a murderer. He's just someone that's just mentally disturbed," he said. Court records from Dominic Adesanya's July arrest show he told an officer that he wanted cameras that had been placed in his home removed. The document also says he told an officer that the security barrier he jumped over "was easy and that the next fence to the south grounds of the White House would not be a problem as well."

After the arrest he was ordered to get outpatient mental health screening. He was apprehended again on July 30 after he refused to leave the Treasury building, which is next to the White House, and swung his fists at officers. Dominic Adesanya was supposed to return to court Sept. 9 but didn't show up. Warrants for his arrest were issued.

After climbing over the fence Wednesday night, Dominic Adesanya was swiftly apprehended on the North Lawn, on Pennsylvania Avenue, by uniformed Secret Service agents and their dogs.

## Police: Hatchet-wielding man shot by officers



**In this frame grab taken from video provided by the New York Police Department, an unidentified man approaches New York City police officers with a hatchet, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, in the Queens borough of New York. The man injured two with the hatchet before the other officers shot and killed him, police said. A bystander was wounded in the gunfire. Investigators were still trying to confirm the identity of the assailant and determine a motive.**

(AP Photo/New York Police Department)

JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — New York City police shot and killed a hatchet-wielding man on Thursday after he suddenly attacked a group of patrol officers without warning in broad daylight on a busy commercial district in Queens.

At a news conference at a hospital where one officer was being treated for a serious head wound, Police Commissioner William Bratton said that investigators were still trying to confirm the identity of the assailant and determine a motive. Security videotape and witness accounts appeared to leave no doubt that the man purposely targeted four rookie New York Police Department officers, police said. Moments before the attack, he was seen on a street corner crouching down to pull the hatchet out of backpack before he charged the officers and began swinging the hatchet with a two-handed grip, police said.

Asked if the attack could be related to terrorism, Bratton didn't rule it out. He cited the fatal shooting of a soldier in Canada earlier this week — what officials there have called a terror attack — as reason for concern.

"This early on, we really

cannot say yes or no to that question," Bratton said.

The attack occurred at about 2 p.m. while the officers were standing together on foot patrol, police said. Without a word, the man swung at an officer who blocked the blow with his arm. Another officer was hit in the back of the head and fell to the ground.

As the man raised the hatchet again, the two uninjured officers drew their weapons and fired several rounds, police said. The bullets killed the assailant and wounded a female bystander, police said.

The officer was in critical but stable condition and was expected to undergo surgery.

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# Chilly forecast suggests a blue Christmas for Amazon

**MAE ANDERSON**

AP Technology Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — It might be a blue Christmas for Amazon.

The world's largest retailer gave a disappointing forecast for the crucial holiday quarter. The company also reported a wider loss than analysts expected for the third quarter.

Thursday's financial results could end investors' patience with Amazon's slim profit and its strategy of investing heavily in new products and services to spur revenue growth. The stock price tumbled 11 percent in after-market trading. That's on top of the 22 percent decline the stock has already suffered this year.

Amazon has long focused on spending the money it makes to grow and expand into new areas. It launched a smartphone, the Fire, earlier this year, and has been offering a set-top video streaming device, a streaming video service and several tablets and e-book readers.

The company has also

been investing in services for its \$99-a-year loyalty program, Prime. It has added a grocery delivery services and music streaming for Prime members as well as offering original TV shows such as the critically acclaimed "Transparent" starring Jeffrey Tambor.

But it is increasingly clear that what investors want more than revenue growth is a solid profit.

"The market was looking for more in terms of revenue and operating income and the fourth-quarter outlook," said Morningstar analyst R.J. Hottovy. "It's going to be a competitive landscape for retailers this holiday season and retailers will compete aggressively for consumers."

In a conference call with analysts, Chief Financial Officer Thomas Szkutak defended its strategy and said the company is focused on "using its capital wisely so that over time we get good returns on invested capital."

But he agreed the company needed to be "selective" on new projects after



People shop at a Gap factory store at the Citadel Outlets in Los Angeles. Americans are expected to spend at the highest rate in three years during what's traditionally the busiest shopping season of the year, the National Retail Federation said earlier in October.

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

years of a seemingly endless array of ventures.

Amazon said it expects holiday quarter revenue

of \$27.3 billion and \$30.3 billion, below analyst expectations of \$30.86 billion. That's an increase of 7 per-

cent to 18 percent — slower growth than the prior-year holiday quarter when sales rose 20 percent. □

## APNewsBreak:

### Icahn says Taj Mahal casino likely to close

**WAYNE PARRY**

Associated Press  
ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP) — Billionaire investor Carl Icahn says the struggling Trump Taj Mahal casino "will almost certainly close."

The would-be purchaser of the casino told The Associated Press on Thursday night that the casino's finances are dire.

Four of Atlantic City's 12 casinos have closed this year, and the Taj Mahal would be the fifth.

Icahn, sounding very much like a man growing tired of the whole topic, said that even though he won't back out of a deal he made with owner Trump Entertainment Resorts to acquire the Taj Mahal and pump \$100 million into it, he wishes he never answered the phone when the company first called him about it.

"One overriding fact is perfectly clear: The Taj is quickly running out of money and will almost certainly close," Icahn told the AP. "Reprehensibly, the union, instead of working with, and trying

to help, the company to keep the Taj alive, is instead doing everything to destroy the possibility of saving the jobs of over 3,000 employees."

Union members said they will picket outside the casino on Friday night to protest a court-ordered termination of employees' health care and pension plans.

Trump Entertainment has declined to comment. It had threatened to close the Taj Mahal on Nov. 13 if it didn't get a judge to free it from making health care and pension payments for the casino's workers. It now promises to keep the casino open at least through November.

For decades Atlantic City enjoyed a monopoly on gambling on the East Coast. But as casinos popped up in neighboring states, gamblers found they no longer needed to drive or ride buses to New Jersey to play the slots or table games. Atlantic City's casino revenue has fallen from \$5.2 billion in 2006 to \$2.86 billion last year, and it will be considerably less this

year with the closures of at least a third of its casinos.

Trump Entertainment Resorts acknowledges its finances are dire but says it is doing everything it can to preserve the Taj Mahal and the jobs. It previously warned it was in danger of running out of money in early December, before it got a bankruptcy court judge to cancel its contract with Local 54 of the Unite-HERE casino workers' union. The move saves the company \$14.6 million a year. Icahn also owns Atlantic City's Tropicana Casino and Resort, which he bought out of bankruptcy in 2010. He said he was approached by Trump Entertainment about canceling the \$286 million in company debt he owns and converting that into ownership of the Taj Mahal. The plan involves him investing \$100 million into the casino but only if the union contract is canceled and if the state contributes \$175 million in aid — a request already rejected by state Senate President Steve Sweeney. □



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## US Financial Front:

# American jobless aid applications rise to 283,000

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AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people applying for U.S. unemployment benefits rose last week after falling to a 14-year low the previous week. Despite the increase, weekly applications remain at historically low levels that suggest hiring is gaining steam.

Applications rose 17,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 283,000, the Labor Department said Thursday.

That is the sixth straight reading below 300,000. Applications have fallen 19 percent in the past year. The figures indicate that recent signs of slowing growth overseas and last week's financial market volatility haven't spooked employers. Most appear confident enough to hold onto their staffs.

"More encouraging news on the U.S. job front," said Jennifer Lee, an econo-

mist at BMO Capital Markets. The report "shows that job creation continued to forge ahead in October." Applications are a proxy for layoffs.

The four-week average, a less volatile measure, declined 3,000 to 281,000, the lowest in 14 years. As a percentage of the working population, applications are near their lowest levels since the early 1970s.

Fewer people are continuing to receive benefits as well. The number of unemployment aid recipients dropped 38,000 to 2.35 million in the week ended Oct. 11, according to the latest data available.

Joseph LaVorgna, an economist at Deutsche Bank, estimates that the current level of applications points to average monthly job gains of above 250,000.

U.S. businesses have already been hiring workers



Job seekers Madelin Garcia, right, and Noharis Nunez fill out a job applications at a job fair in Miami Lakes, Fla. The U.S. Labor Department reported on the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

at a healthy pace. Employers have added an average of 227,000 jobs a month this year.

That's up from an average of 194,000 last year. The economy has gained 2.64 million jobs in the past 12 months, the best annual

showing since April 2006. The unemployment rate has fallen to 5.9 percent, a six-year low. □

## Gauge of US economy posts solid 0.8% gain

MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A gauge designed to predict the economy's future health posted a solid increase in September after no gain in the previous month.

The Conference Board said Thursday that its index of leading indicators rose 0.8 percent last month following a flat reading in August which originally had been reported as a small 0.2 percent gain.

It was the best showing since a 1.1 percent advance in July.

Economists expect that continuing strong gains in employment should boost

incomes and help support solid economic growth in the United States in coming quarters despite a weaker outlook overseas.

"The financial markets are reflecting turmoil and unease, but the data on the leading indicators continue to suggest moderate growth in the short-term," said Conference Board economist Ken Goldstein.

He said weak advances in the housing market remained a bigger risk to the economy's performance than the recent financial market gyrations.

The economy grew at a 4.6 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter, a solid rebound after a

sharp contraction caused by a harsh winter in the first three months of the year. Economists say the economy grew at a healthy pace of around 3 percent in the just-completed July-September quarter and will post a similar growth rate in the final three months of this year.

The leading index is composed of 10 forward-pointing indicators. Nine of the 10 indicators showed strength in September with the biggest positive contribution coming from a favorable spread of low interest rates. The only negative was average consumer expectations for business conditions. □



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## AP News Analysis:

# Republicans hope Obama is key to Senate control

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Democrats are casting a wide net in their struggle to preserve their Senate majority, attacking Republicans on different issues in a state-by-

The most competitive Senate races, many in states where Obama lost in 2012, remain tight enough in the polls to leave the outcome in doubt after months of campaigning, a mid-October debate season and

Though Obama is less than two years removed from winning his second term, his campaign efforts this year are largely confined to fundraisers from which the news media are barred — a step that ensures nervous

nell, plagued by his own poor approval ratings, has said much the same thing for months. His opponent, Alison Lundergan Grimes won't disclose if she voted for a president whose nominating convention she at-

to expand the customary midterm electorate. Arkansas reports 131,000 newly registered voters this year, and there are more than that in Georgia, the state where Democratic hopes of picking up a Republican seat are strongest.

Robert McLarty, in charge of the Democratic get-out-the-vote effort in Arkansas, says new voters are heavily black, young and female. "These folks have probably not been surveyed" by pollsters whose work points to a victory for Republican Tom Cotton, he added.

Yet Republicans say they, too, have spent months on turnout. "Our entire effort is now focused on low-propensity voters," said Sean Spicer of the Republican National Committee, referring to people who either do not generally vote or do not usually support Republican candidates.

Other Republicans express skepticism at the Democratic claims.

"It's not like the Democrats get to operate in a vacuum. We get to run a campaign, too," says Justin Brasell, campaign manager for Cotton.

Cotton, a first-term congressman is challenging Sen. Mark Pryor, who won six years ago without Republican opposition. Now, Cotton says Pryor "votes 93 percent of the time with Barack Obama. I don't know many Arkansans who think that Barack Obama is right 93 percent of the time."

It's a safe bet in a state where Obama won 37 percent of the vote in 2012.

In Colorado, Sen. Mark Udall stayed in Washington this year when Obama went to the state to raise campaign funds.



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., right, and his Democratic Senate opponent, Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, rehearsed with host Bill Goodman before their appearance on "Kentucky Tonight" television broadcast live from KET studios in Lexington, Ky. Struggling to preserve their Senate majority, Democrats are attacking Republicans over Medicare and Social Security in Louisiana, spending cuts in Arkansas, off-shore jobs in New Hampshire and women's issues in Colorado.

(AP Photo/The Lexington Herald-Leader, Pablo Alcala)

state strategy to energize core voters. The Republicans have a one-size fits-all counter-argument: Barack Obama, a two-term president they've turned into a political punching bag.

Nationally, Republicans must gain six seats to win Senate control in the Nov. 4 election. With the party virtually certain to retain its majority in the House, Senate control would give Republicans huge power to thwart Obama's legislative agenda for the final two years of his term.

millions of dollars in attack ads. As a result, it appears that Democratic hopes for maintaining Senate control hinge on overcoming Obama's general unpopularity with a targeted get-out-the-vote program to boost turnout among blacks, young voters and women in key states.

Among them are Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Colorado, a state where Hispanic voters will be particularly important.

candidates won't be photographed by his side.

But in the key states, Republican candidates have focused intensely on tying their opponents to the unpopular president.

"Mark Begich is with Obama. I'm with you," Republican challenger Dan Sullivan of Alaska says in his newest television commercial in one of several close race in red states that define the nation's battle for Senate control.

In Kentucky, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McCon-

tended two years ago. At a debate last week, the secretary of state wrapped her refusal in lofty principle, citing a "constitutional right for privacy at the ballot box." After remaining off television for more than a week, Democrats say they will make one final advertising push on Grimes' behalf. But Republicans sound increasingly confident that McConnell will win a sixth term, and nearly all public polls suggest the same.

There is evidence of a potent effort by Democrats





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### AP Interview: Libya FM wants Tripoli talks

ASHRAF KHALIL  
Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — Libya's newly appointed foreign minister said Thursday that he hopes to see a negotiated solution to the standoff in the capital, Tripoli, where Islamist-allied militias have taken over the city and forced out the elected lawmakers. The dramatic developments have further mired Libya in its worst turmoil since Moammar Gadhafi's ouster in 2011, with the country deeply fractured and having two rival governments and parliaments. Foreign Minister Mohamed Dayri, who assumed his post in late September, said he hopes mediation efforts by U.N. special representative, Bernardino Leon, would produce a political power-sharing agreement. The deal would demilitarize the capital and allow Dayri's internationally recognized government to begin functioning normally, he said. "We are seeking a settlement," Dayri told The Associated Press at his family's home in Cairo. "The political track should be enough to bring us back to Tripoli."

However, he was less optimistic on Benghazi, where a different set of Islamist militias have taken control since August.

The militias there have been implicated in a series of assassinations and attacks on journalists, activists, and security forces. One of the main Benghazi-based militias, Ansar al-Shariah, is implicated in the deadly September 2012 assault on the U.S. Consulate that left four Americans dead, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens. □

## Coalition airstrikes in Syria killed over 500

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Associated Press

**MURSIPTINAR, Turkey (AP)**

— U.S.-led coalition airstrikes in Syria have killed more than 500 people since they began last month, mainly Islamic militants, activists said Thursday, as fighting flared yet again in the northern Syrian border town of Kobani. Despite the large death toll and international intervention to aid Kurdish forces fighting to defend Kobani, Islamic State forces on Thursday seized a hilltop overlooking the town along the Syria-Turkey border, activist said.

To aid their brethren, Iraqi Kurds pledged to send dozens of fighters over the coming days to battle alongside Syrian Kurdish forces in Kobani.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which has a network of activists on the ground, said 553 people have been killed in airstrikes since they began Sept. 23, including 32 civilians. The civilians included six children and five women. The group said it documented 464 deaths among fighters of the Islamic State group but said the number could be much higher. Also, 57 fighters from the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front were killed in airstrikes elsewhere in northern Syria, the Observatory said.

Many of the Islamic State fighters died in the battle for Kobani, which the militants have been trying to seize since mid-September. The IS group also captured dozens of surrounding Kurdish villages, compelling more than 200,000 people to flee to neighboring Turkey.



Thick smoke and flames from an airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition rise in Kobani, Syria, as seen from a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters.

(AP Photo/Leferis Pitarakis)

Earlier this week, the U.S. Central Command said its forces conducted more than 135 airstrikes against the militants in and around Kobani, killing hundreds of fighters.

"Combined with continued resistance to ISIL on the ground, indications are that these strikes have slowed ISIL advances into the city, killed hundreds of their fighters and destroyed or damaged scores of pieces of ISIL combat equipment and fighting positions," Central Command said in a statement, using one of the acronyms for the militant group.

In northern Iraq, Fuad Hussein, the chief of staff for the Kurdish regional President Massoud Barzani, told The Associated Press that the largely-autonomous Iraqi Kurdish government would send some 150 peshmerga fighters to Kobani

through Turkey to support Syrian Kurds there.

Hussein said they would take light weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, and in a response to Turkish concerns about armed Kurds on their territory, said the peshmerga would bring the weapons back once they returned.

"The fight in Kobani is very important to us," he said. "We are fighting the same enemy." On the Turkish side of the border, heavy machine gun fire was heard on Thursday coming from Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab in Arabic. The clashes were some of the fiercest since the battle for the town began, Kurdish activist Farhad Shami said over the phone. Speaking from the area, he said the Islamic State group launched an attack from three fronts late Wednesday.

By Thursday, the militants

captured the Tel Shair hill that overlooks parts of Kobani, closing in on the town from the west, the Observatory reported.

Shami said the Kurdish fighters had withdrawn from the area. The Observatory said Islamic State fighters were also trying to advance from the eastern side of the town. Capturing Kobani would give the Islamic State group, which already rules a huge stretch of territory spanning the Syria-Iraq border, a direct link between the Syrian province of Aleppo and its stronghold of Raqqa, to the east. NATO's supreme military commander, U.S. Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, said in Turkey on Thursday that the alliance was ready to come to Turkey's defense if the situation on its border deteriorated and it sought help from the organization. □



# Eurozone survey rise does not ease recession fear

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Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — A stronger than anticipated economic survey Thursday failed to inspire much optimism that the recovery in the 18-country eurozone and of France in particular would be anything but muted.

A broad survey of activity in the manufacturing and services sectors by financial information company Markit rose unexpectedly in October. However, the survey still pointed to modest growth, a conclusion that also lay at the heart of another gloomy assessment of the eurozone by credit rating agency Standard & Poor's.

"We believe that the eurozone's problems are still unresolved," said Standard & Poor's credit analyst Moritz Kraemer.

Since the summer of 2012, when European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said the bank would do "whatever it takes" to save the euro, a sense of calm has come over markets. Over recent months,



From left, France's Finance Minister Michel Sapin, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble, France's Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron and German Economy and Energy Minister Sigmar Gabriel pose for media prior to a news conference after a meeting at the finance ministry in Berlin. The heads of major international economic organizations are discussing the global economy following turmoil in financial markets this week and worries about another recession in Europe. (AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

however, concerns have mounted over the region's paltry levels of economic growth. Markit said its composite purchasing managers' index for the eurozone — a gauge of business activ-

ity across manufacturing and services — rose to 52.2 points in October from 52.0 in September. Anything above 50 indicates expansion. Timo del Carpio, European economist at RBC Capital Market, said there was nothing to suggest the

recovery will be anything but "a sluggish and fragile affair."

The overall increase in Thursday's survey was largely due to an improvement in Germany, particularly its manufacturing sector. Germany's advance helped

camouflage the problems afflicting France. Business activity in Europe's second-largest economy fell for a sixth successive month and deteriorated at the fastest rate since February.

"While the survey suggests the euro area has so far avoided a slide back into recession this year, a renewed downturn cannot be ruled out," said Chris Williamson, Markit's chief economist. "Growth is so anemic that increasing numbers of companies are being forced into laying off staff and slashing prices in an attempt to cut costs and boost sales through discounting."

Figures next month are expected to show the eurozone grew modestly in the third quarter after recording no growth in the second. Again, Germany is expected to be the main reason behind the overall advance.

In a report, S&P said it stood by its assessment of a year ago that the eurozone's underlying problems — largely relating to debt — have not been dealt with. □

## North Korea: Foreign tourists to be barred over Ebola fears

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SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea has announced it will not accept any foreign tourists beginning Friday because of fears of the Ebola virus, three agencies that take tourists to the isolated country said Thursday.

The news came as the country said it was stepping up inspections and quarantine measures at its main airport, borders and ports to guard against the spread of the deadly virus, which has killed thousands of people in the latest outbreak.

"Three days ago, they said that anybody who's been to West Africa would have to provide a doctor's certificate stating that they don't have Ebola," said Gareth Johnson of Young Pioneer

Tours, a travel operator based in China. "And then today, they just said no foreign tourists at all."

Johnson said that he had received the notice from his North Korean partners and that one of his tour guides who was visiting the North with a group of foreign tourists had also confirmed it through the authorities there. Johnson said his company had to cancel its plans to take a group of 20 tourists to the North on Monday.

He said the ban on entry for foreign tourists applied to all of North Korea. Johnson called it a "complete blanket ban," regardless of a foreign tourist's origin. David Thompson of Juche Travel Services in London said his company was contacting all customers who have booked North Korean

tours in the coming months. "At the moment, we do not know when the country will reopen its border to tourism," he said.

Nick Bonner at Koryo Tours, another China-based company that offers tours to North Korea, confirmed the ban but said it was still unclear whether North Korea was trying to ban all tourists or only those from regions that have had an Ebola outbreak.

Both Johnson and Bonner said they were not sure whether the ban would also affect foreign diplomats or businesspeople.

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## EU reaches deal to cut greenhouse gas emissions

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Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — European Union leaders agreed early Friday to cut greenhouse gas emissions in the 28-nation bloc to at least 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

The deal was aimed at countering climate change and setting an example for the rest of the world ahead of key international climate negotiations next year.

A package agreed by leaders at an EU summit in the early hours of Friday after lengthy negotiations also requires climate-friendly, renewable energy to provide at least 27 per-

cent of the bloc's needs and demands that energy efficiency increase by at least 27 percent in the next 16 years.

"It was not easy, not at all, but we managed to reach a fair decision," said European Council President Herman Van Rompuy. "It sets Europe on an ambitious yet cost-effective climate and energy path."

The decision makes the EU the first major economy to set post-2020 emissions targets ahead of a global climate pact that is supposed to be adopted next year in Paris. Other countries including the U.S. and China are bound to be measured against



German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks during a media conference at an EU summit in Brussels, on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014. European Union leaders agreed early Friday to cut greenhouse gas emissions in the 28-nation bloc to at least 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

the EU goals as they present their own emissions targets. The EU pledges will carry weight because they come from an economic powerhouse. The combined Gross Domestic Product of EU member states is larger than that of the United States, which has the greatest GDP of any single nation. The bloc says it is responsible for less than 10

percent of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. EU leaders also pledged to increase the amount of energy countries can trade with one another—a move pushed for by Spain and Portugal, which want to be able to sell renewable energy they generate. Van Rompuy said that countries should be able to import or export 15 percent

of their power by 2030, saying the move would help match energy supply and demand across borders.

"This agreement keeps Europe firmly in the driving seat in international climate talks ahead of the Paris summit next year," said EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said. But environmental activists said it fell short of what the 28-nation bloc should have done.

"The global fight against climate change needs radical shock treatment, but what the EU is offering is at best a whiff of smelling salts," said Greenpeace EU managing director Mahi Sideridou.

Natalia Alonso, Oxfam's Deputy Director of Advocacy and Campaigns, called the targets welcome "but only a first step, which falls far too short of what the EU needs to do to pull its weight in the fight against climate change." The pact came after strong opposition from Poland and other poorer and developing eastern European nations. □

### Poll:

## Rousseff takes lead in Brazil race

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff has pulled ahead of her rival and taken a six-point lead just days before Sunday's presidential vote, according to a poll released Thursday.

A series of recent surveys had indicated that Rousseff, whose left-leaning Workers' Party has governed Brazil the past 12 years, was nosing into the lead in recent days, but Thursday's poll was the first to give her a lead greater than the margin of error.

The survey, by the respected Datafolha agency, said 53 percent of those polled gave support to Rousseff, compared with 47 percent for center-right candidate Aécio Neves. Datafolha surveyed 9,910 people on Wednesday and Thursday, and the margin of error was plus or minus two per-

centage points.

Both candidates made campaign stops in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil's second largest city, on Thursday. Neves met with Rio Archbishop Dom Orani Tempesta before giving a news conference in the city, and Rousseff was also expected to hold a news conference.

The two are to face off in the campaign's last debate Friday evening on Rio-based broadcaster Globo television in what has been the most unpredictable, hotly contested and hard-to-call presidential election in Brazil in decades.

Both candidates have zigzagged across the continent-sized nation, covering thousands of kilometers (miles) in recent days in their bid to win over undecided voters, who analysts say may hold the key to the race. □

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## IS said to use chlorine gas against Iraqi police officers

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BAGHDAD - U.S. security officials said Thursday that they were looking into a new report that Islamic State militants had used chlorine gas as a weapon against Iraqi police officers last month near Balad, north of Baghdad. According to the accounts of the officers, fighters for the Islamic State set off an explosive that unleashed a mass of yellow smoke that hung close to the ground, The Washington Post re-

ported. The Post said hospital officials who treated the men, as well as an unnamed Iraqi Defense Ministry official, confirmed the men's suspicion that chlorine gas had been used against them. Eleven officers were made ill, though all survived. Unconfirmed reports of improvised bombs made with chlorine gas and used by militants have arisen from time to time since Islamic State began seizing territory in Iraq at the beginning of the year, raising concerns that Iraq's old chemical

weapons stores had fallen into the militants' hands. A spokesman for the National Security Council, Alistair Baskey, said U.S. officials were examining the new report. "We continue to take all allegations of CW use - and in particular these recent allegations regarding the use of chlorine as a chemical weapon - very seriously," he said. "We are aware of the reports but cannot confirm details and are seeking additional information. The use of chlorine as a chemical weapon is an ab-

horrent act. These recent allegations underscore the importance of our work to eliminate chemical weapons in this volatile region." The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons noted in September that chlorine gas was being used in parts of the conflict in Syria, where the Islamic State is also fighting. The United States has attributed those attacks to the government of President Bashar Assad. If the new report is confirmed, the use of chlorine gas by Islamic State would

be the latest iteration of a weapon that has been employed by Iraq's Sunni militants since the years after the U.S. invasion in 2003. During the 2000s, the weapons were used intermittently in attacks against U.S. and Iraqi forces and against civilians. In early 2007, there appeared to be a flurry of such attacks, mainly in Anbar province, where U.S. and Iraqi forces were trying to wrest control of territory from al-Qaida in Iraq, also known as al-Qaida in Mesopotamia.

## UN urges China to allow free elections in Hong Kong

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HONG KONG - The U.N. Human Rights Committee urged China on Thursday to allow elections in Hong Kong without restrictions on who can run as a candidate. The move appeared likely to draw strong criticism from Beijing, where officials decided in August to set strict guidelines for the 2017 election of the city's next leader, prompting mass sit-in protests.

The 18-member panel in Geneva said Hong Kong needed to do more to ensure that its people have not only the right to vote but also the right to run for office.

"Hong Kong China should take all necessary measures to implement universal and equal suffrage in conformity with the covenant, as a matter of priority for all future elections," Cornelis Flinterman, a member



**A protester bleeds from his face as he tries to stop a group of taxi drivers from trying to remove the barricades, which are blocking off main roads, near a line of riot police at an occupied area, in the Mong Kok district of Hong Kong.**

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

of the rights panel from the Netherlands, said Thursday, referring to an international

agreement on political rights.

The committee focused

on the Aug. 31 decision by China's Communist Party-run legislature to adopt

guidelines for the 2017 election that would effectively keep anyone not approved by Beijing from appearing on the ballot for chief executive, the city's top post.

Under the guidelines, candidates must get the approval of more than half the members of a 1,200-person nominating committee, which includes many of Hong Kong's pro-Beijing tycoons as well as representatives of other social groups friendly to the central government. The city, Asia's most important financial center, was transferred from British to Chinese rule in 1997, and its legal and administrative system is separate from that of the rest of China.

Yuval Shany, a member of the rights panel from Israel, said the nominating committee was "not fully representative of the Hong Kong population."

## Boko Haram abducts more women despite cease-fire

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DAKAR, Senegal - Scores of young women have been kidnapped in new abductions by Islamist militants in Nigeria, according to local journalists, a Roman Catholic bishop and news reports, indicating that Boko Haram's campaign of violence is continuing despite official reports of a cease-fire with the group.

The kidnappings took place

Saturday in a mountain village near the border with Cameroon, a Boko Haram stronghold, said Bishop Stephen Mamza, who is from the area but now officiates in the state capital, Yola.

The bishop described a situation much like the one in April when more than 200 schoolgirls were taken from Chibok in neighboring Borno state, a kidnapping that attracted worldwide attention.

The fate of those girls still seems unresolved, despite government claims that a deal for their release is in the works.

In the latest kidnapping, residents told the bishop that scores of gunmen on motorcycles stormed their village, Garta, on Saturday. Boko Haram has operated with near impunity for months in the mountainous region, with occasional reprisals from Nigeria's mili-

tary.

The gunmen torched houses in the village, slit the throats of four men and went house-to-house searching for young women, eventually taking away around 60, according to the bishop and local news reports.

"Those who were abducted are from my hometown," Mamza said by phone Thursday. "Of course it is credible. This is

actually what is happening on a daily basis, only it is not reported."

The bishop said most of those abducted by the Islamists were Christians.

Last week, government and military officials were quoted in the Nigerian media as saying that a cease-fire deal had been struck with the militants, as well as one for the release of the girls abducted from Chibok.





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serve it up with a heaping helping of comedic relief. There's no better way to enjoy Jim and Connie's love of fun, sun, and great people than on Aruba. When they're not enjoying the warm Caribbean breeze on their adventures around the island the couple head to Bugaloe, where their favorite beach day snack remains a worldwide classic- pizza! Washed down with a tasty Long Island Iced Tea the two have spent many happy evenings swapping stories and a few dirty jokes with other guests and the fun-loving staff members, who the couple mentions 'are absolutely hilarious!' Congrats to Jim and Connie Schreiner, who will hopefully be back in Aruba and perched at the Bugaloe bar soon! □







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## Women's Alpine World Cup Starts Without Favorite

Mikaela Shiffrin of the U.S. stretches for the finish line on her second run in the women's slalom event during the 2014 Winter Olympics at the Rosa Khutor Alpine Center in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, Feb. 21, 2014. Shiffrin won the gold medal in the event.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

**ERIC WILLEMSSEN**  
Associated Press

**SOELDEN, Austria (AP)** — With four different winners over the past four years, the women's Alpine skiing

World Cup lacks a clear favorite for the overall title just before the start of the new season.

Lindsey Vonn and Maria Hoefl-Riesch used to be

safe bets for the top two spots. But the American, who won her fourth and most recent title in 2012, is coming off a serious injury and is expected to com-

pete in a reduced number of races. Germany's Hoefl-Riesch, who was the 2011 champion, has retired.

Defending champion Anna Fenninger of Austria is

likely to face stiff competition again from the likes of Lara Gut, Tina Weirather and Tina Maze.

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## Compton Among Early Leaders at McGladrey Classic





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Beaver Creek, Colorado, in February.

really looking forward to it. Only doing training runs for

compared to Fenninger's four, but she finished third

limits if you want to win. The difference between the best time and not finishing is small. If I wouldn't take risks for a whole season, I wouldn't get top results, either."

Maze won two gold medals at the Sochi Olympics but struggled on the World Cup circuit, failing to reproduce the form that saw her take the overall title with a record 2,424 points a year earlier. The Slovenian, who is the only active skier besides Vonn to have won races in all five Alpine disciplines, finished fourth.

Maze told Slovenian media this month that she wanted to have one more go at the overall title before taking a season off — and possibly ending her career as she will turn 32 next year. For Shiffrin, however, age is not an issue.

The 19-year-old American has dominated women's slalom racing since 2012 by winning two World Cup discipline titles, the world championship and Olympic gold, and is vastly improving in GS.

The teenager plans to start racing in super-G as well, which could make her an outside contender for the overall title.

"It's a goal, I think it would be incredible to win the overall title even this year, if I have a shot at it," Shiffrin said. "It's so tough to say. Especially right now, nobody has raced yet. Some girls race four of three events well, and I am right now racing two, and maybe a little bit of super-G. In an ideal world, I can win the overall title." □



**Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany competes in the first run of the women's slalom event during the 2014 Winter Olympics at the Rosa Khutor Alpine Center in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia, Feb. 21, 2014.**

And perhaps even from American slalom standout Mikaela Shiffrin, who aims to become more of an all-around skier.

"I have raised the bar for myself. Many people believe I can just repeat it but it isn't that easy," Fenninger said Thursday, two days before a giant slalom on the Rettenbach glacier opens a season that will be highlighted by the world championships in Vail and

In a dramatic finish to last season, Fenninger defeated Hoefl-Riesch, who crashed and injured herself in the final downhill, to secure Austria's first overall title since Nicole Hosp in 2007. Fenninger also won the GS title.

"I have to put last year behind me," she said. "I can only benefit from experience, not from the successes. My feeling for the new season is good. I am

so long gets boring."

Besides Vonn and Hoefl-Riesch, Liechtenstein's Weirather was another racer whose title hopes were derailed by injury. Weirather was second in the overall standings before a season-ending crash in training on the Olympic downhill course in Sochi in February. Meanwhile, the racer with the most wins last season was Gut. The Swiss skier placed first in seven races

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

overall behind the Austrian and Hoefl-Riesch. She did take the globe for best super-G racer, though.

Gut, who got her campaign started with a win in Soelden, said she needed to improve on consistency. In GS, she had three podium finishes and a fifth place but failed to finish the four other races.

"Those were mistakes, it's as easy as that," Gut said. "You have to race at your





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## McGladrey Classic: Compton among early leaders at Sea Island

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

**ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Georgia (AP)** — Erik Compton is happy with where he is in golf, and he's not referring to his 5-under 65 on Thursday for a share of the lead in the McGladrey Classic.

A return to Sea Island provides an occasion to take stock of how far he has come in the last 13 years, and what Compton refers to as the "hurdles" he didn't anticipate.

There's a medical term for these hurdles. It's called a second heart transplant.

"I'm almost 35 years old. I've had a good career in golf, really," he said. "Even though I've had some time off, I've been able to support myself and have a good life."

Compton remarkably earned a PGA Tour card just four years after he drove himself to the hospital while suffering a heart attack, dodging death until he received a second transplant. He now is in his fourth straight season on golf's toughest circuit, and he has shown steady improvement.

The next step is to win, and Compton has been around long enough not to get overly excited about a good start.

He opened with a pair of birdies in the morning chill on the Seaside Course at Sea Island, dropped only one shot and joined Sea Island resident Brian Harman, Michael Thompson and Will MacKenzie in the lead.

Chesson Hadley was among six players one shot behind. More than half

of the field was at par or better on a gentle day for scoring.

"I expect I should win this year. That's a goal of mine," Compton said. "It's always been a goal, but I think every time I get on the course it becomes more of a realistic expectation."

Compton first played Sea Island when he competed in the SEC Championship while at Georgia in 2001. A few months later, Compton played in the Walker Cup at nearby Ocean Forest.

The first hurdle when he turned pro was realizing that "everybody out here is really, really, really, really good." The more serious hurdle was his heart.

Compton had his first transplant when he 12 because of cardiomyopathy, an enlarging of the heart that hinders its ability to pump blood. He had his second in 2008 and ended that year by making the cut in the final PGA Tour event.

His story never gets old, and Compton is happy to tell it, especially if that means bringing attention to the "Donate Life America" campaign. He prefers to look ahead, at the next shot, the next tournament, trying to get the most he can out of his game, just like the guys he is trying to beat.

Compton has reached the FedEx Cup playoff the last two seasons and advanced to the third round at the BMW Championship last month. In the short offseason, he spent more time in the gym trying to get stronger at the recommendation of former Miami Heat guard Ray Allen. □



Andrew Putnam hits out of the 17th bunker during the first round of the McGladrey Classic golf tournament on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, in St. Simons Island, Ga.

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## Giants' Hudson to face Royals' Guthrie in Game 3

**JOSH DUBOW**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — In the middle of a champagne-and-beer-soaked clubhouse after the San Francisco Giants won the NL Championship Series, Tim Hudson was given the chance to speak to his team.

The message was as simple as Hudson's approach on the mound: "World Series, baby!"

After 16 years, 214 regular-season wins and seven failed trips to the postseason, Hudson has finally made it to baseball's biggest stage at age 39.

Hudson is set to take the mound Friday night for the Giants when they return home to face Jeremy Guthrie and the Royals in Game 3 of the World Series after a two-game split in Kansas City.

"It's almost a sense of relief that it's finally here, that what I've hoped and dreamed for throughout my career is finally here, and there's not going to be anybody on the field that's more ready than I am tomorrow night," Hudson said Thursday.

Hudson's brilliant career began on the other side of San Francisco Bay as he helped Oakland make four straight trips to the postseason that ended with Game 5 losses in the division series. Hudson got back to the playoffs with Atlanta, losing in the division series in 2005 to Houston and 2010 to San Francisco. The Braves made it again last year when Hudson was hurt but

lost again in the division series.

After signing a \$23 million, two-year contract this off-season with San Francisco, Hudson finally got to experience postseason success. "You often wonder, is it

went 0-4 with an 8.72 ERA in five starts to end the season while dealing with a bum hip. He finished the season with a 9-13 record for his first losing campaign ever.

"It's hard enough to play this game when you're

against Baltimore in Game 3 of the ALCS.

That start is Guthrie's only outing the past four weeks; he did not pitch in the division series sweep against the Angels. So Guthrie has done his best to stay sharp

He said he learned at Stanford the importance of going deep into games — something that was most evident when he went 13 innings to beat Cal-State Fullerton in the NCAA tournament his final year there.

"Four days before the draft, Scott Boras my agent, or adviser at that time, was there, and I don't think he was anticipating or hoping for 13 innings that close to the draft," Guthrie said. "But it was 147 pitches. Again, it was a reflection of competing to the end, it's yours to win, and watching kind of the pitchers pitch by pitch, and seeing how they're doing versus kind of letting the number dictate when they were going to be taken out."

With a stellar bullpen led by Greg Holland, Kelvin Herrera and Wade Davis behind him in Kansas City, Guthrie knows he won't be asked to go that deep on a team that has had only one starter pitch into the seventh this postseason.

"That's been the result, but we're out there trying to get as deep as we can," Guthrie said. "For us to win a game without having to throw all three of our relievers at the back end, Kelvin, and Wade, and Greg, will only give our team a better chance to win throughout the series."



At left in an Aug. 23, 2014, file photo, Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Jeremy Guthrie throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, in Arlington, Texas. At right, in a Sept. 19, 2014, file photo, San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Tim Hudson throws against the San Diego Padres during the first inning of a baseball game in San Diego. Guthrie and Hudson will be the starters for Game 3 of the World Series Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, in San Francisco.

(AP Photo/Don Boomer, File)

ever going to happen? Obviously, last year the way my season ended with my ankle injury, things looked a little bleak there for a few moments," Hudson said. But I'm just really lucky."

Hudson got no-decisions in his first two postseason starts, allowing five runs in 13 2-3 innings against Washington and St. Louis.

The limited work of late has paid dividends. Hudson looks much fresher than he did in September when he

healthy, but when you're pitching and your hip's bothering you a little bit — and he's a warrior," manager Bruce Bochy said. "He was never complaining. He was never making excuses, but it was a fact. I think it was affecting him a little bit."

Guthrie had a long wait just to get to the playoffs. He made his first postseason appearance at age 35 when he allowed one run in five innings of a no-decision

with side work instead of pitching in games.

He has also spent time serving as a translator for some of Kansas City's Spanish-speaking players. Guthrie completed a Mormon mission to Spain when he was in college, not picking up a baseball for two years.

But Guthrie revived his career when he returned and transferred to Stanford, becoming a first-round pick in 2002 and eventually a major leaguer.





## Federer topples Istomin in Swiss Indoors round 2

**BASEL, Switzerland (AP)** —

Top-seeded Roger Federer again had to fight back from a set down before beating Denis Istomin 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals of the Swiss Indoors on Thursday.

Federer struggled in the opening set, and even walked toward his chair early in the first game before realizing there was still a point to play.

Istomin had taken just a set off Federer in five previous meetings,

last year in Basel, but the Uzbekistan player took the lead after breaking in the sixth game.

However, Federer fought back and took a commanding lead in the second set after breaking when Istomin hit a backhand long.

Istomin battled to stay in the match and saved seven break points in the final set before finally succumbing to Federer in the third game and the second-ranked home favorite went on to clinch the match with a love service game.

Federer, who is looking for his sixth Swiss Indoors title after finishing runner-up in the past two editions, next faces fifth-seeded Grigor Dimitrov after the Bulgarian eased past Vasek Pospisil of Canada 6-2, 6-2.

Earlier, fourth-seeded Milos Raonic of Canada hit 22 aces, including on match point, to beat Donald Young of the United States 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (2).

Raonic earned the only break of the match to take the opening set and then dominated the final-set tiebreaker, converting his first of four match points to seal the win after nearly 2 hours, 20 minutes.

Raonic, who beat Young in two sets in Washington earlier this year, next faces Belgium's David Goffin.

Eighth-seeded Ivo Karlovic also advanced after coming from a set down to defeat qualifier Kenny De Schepper of France 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-3 in just under 2 hours. □

## Lamela's wild goal illuminates Europa League



**Tottenham's Erik Lamela, right, scores his second goal during the Europa League Group C soccer match between Tottenham Hotspur and Asteras Tripolis at White Hart Lane stadium in London, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014.**

**STEVE DOUGLAS**

**AP Sports Writer**

Erik Lamela's outrageous goal in a big win for Tottenham illuminated the third round of Europa League group-stage matches, in which Fiorentina and Dynamo Moscow maintained their perfect starts to the competition.

In what will rank as one of the best goals seen in Europe this season, Lamela wrapped his left leg around the back of his standing leg and somehow generated enough power to fire the ball into the corner from outside the area.

"I was stunned, for two minutes I was just thinking about that goal," Tottenham defender Jan Vertonghen said. "I've seen a

lot of YouTube clips but I've never seen a goal like it."

The Argentina forward's "rabona" — as the maneuver is known in football — set Tottenham on its way to a 5-1 victory over Greek side Asteras Tripolis in Group C.

Lamela also scored a brilliant volley, while young striker Harry Kane grabbed a hat trick at White Hart Lane before going in goal as a replacement for sent-off keeper Hugo Lloris and letting a late free kick slip through his fingers.

"I have seen him do that in training, he's got that in his locker," Kane said of Lamela. "And it's great to see it pay off in a big game."

Spurs moved to five points and is tied for first with Be-

**(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)**

siktas, which thrashed Partizan Belgrade 4-0.

On a night of mixed fortunes for Italian clubs, Fiorentina secured a third straight win in Group K by beating PAOK Salonika 1-0 through Juan Vargas' goal, Inter Milan dropped its first points in Group F by drawing 0-0 with Saint Etienne and Napoli slipped to a first defeat in Group I — 2-0 at Swiss team Young Boys. Torino, another of Serie A's representatives, beat HJK Helsinki 2-0 to go top of Group B.

Defending champion Sevilla stayed top of Group G on five points with a 0-0 draw at Standard Liege, as Feyenoord missed a chance to climb into first place by losing 3-1 at HNK Rijeka of

Croatia. Andrej Kramaric scored a hat trick.

Group H leader Everton drew 0-0 at Lille in a match whose buildup was marred by French riot police using tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse large groups of visiting fans in Lille's main square. Wolfsburg won 4-2 at FK Krasnodar in the group's other game.

There was also a crowd disturbance during a game Thursday, with the match between former Czechoslovak rivals Slovan Bratislava and Sparta Prague needing to be interrupted for more than half an hour due to fighting between fans. Swedish referee Martin Strombergsson interrupted the game in the 41st minute after Sparta fans attacked Slovan supporters in the stands. The match continued only after order was restored by riot police who were deployed with an apparent delay. Sparta won 3-0.

Dynamo Moscow beat Estoril 2-1 to join Fiorentina and Legia Warsaw, which beat Metalist Kharkiv 1-0 on Wednesday, as the only sides with a maximum nine points so far.

Also, Villarreal beat FC Zurich 4-1 and Borussia Mönchengladbach routed Apollon Limassol 5-0 in Group A, and Alan scored a hat trick in Salzburg's 4-2 win over Dinamo Zagreb in Group D. □

## Serena bounces back to best at WTA Finals

**CHRIS LINES**

**AP Sports Writer**

**SINGAPORE (AP)** — Serena Williams awoke on Thursday dreading playing tennis. By the end of the day, her doubts were defeated and she was still in the running for a third straight WTA Finals crown.

Following the worst beating of her professional career on Wednesday, when she won only two games against Simona Halep, it took hours of cajoling and encouragement from coach Patrick Mouratoglou to get Williams in the right frame of mind for her last round-robin contest

against Eugenie Bouchard. Whatever he said worked, as she routed Bouchard 6-1, 6-1.

"I was feeling mighty low," Williams said. "I was able to feed off his belief. I know that sounds weird, even though I've won so many titles, I still at some point feel like, 'Oh gosh, maybe I might not be able to do this or maybe I might not be able to do that?'"

"I started to believe that maybe I could come play another match. I wasn't quite sure that I could."

"I definitely don't think that I would have been able to survive today if it wasn't for

Patrick."

Williams improved her record to 2-1, and will have to wait until Friday's match between Halep and Ana Ivanovic to know if she is through to the semifinals. Williams will make the final four unless Ivanovic beats Halep in straight sets. Halep is guaranteed of a semifinal berth.

Meanwhile, the outcome of the other group remains uncertain, with none of the four players qualified for the semis, and none eliminated from contention.

Petra Kvitova beat Maria Sharapova 6-3, 6-2, further eroding the Russian play-

er's hopes of claiming the year-end No. 1 ranking.

Sharapova, who needs to win the title and rely on Williams not reaching the final if she is to bump the American from the top spot, fell to a 0-2 record while Kvitova is 1-1.

In order for Sharapova to progress to the semis, she will need to win her last match against Agnieszka Radwanska and rely on Caroline Wozniacki beating Kvitova, and have both matches decided in straight sets.

Williams was philosophical about whether she will make the semis. □



# Is the fear of Ebola making you sick?

**SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ebola is giving Americans a crash course in fear.

Yet, they're incredibly less likely to get the disease than to get sick worrying about it.

First, the reality check: More Americans have married celebrity Kim Kardashian — three — than contracted Ebola in the U.S. The two Dallas nurses who came down with Ebola were infected while treating a Liberian man, who became infected in West Africa.

Still, schools have been closed, people shunned and members of Congress have demanded travel bans and other dramatic action — even though health officials keep stressing that the disease is only spread through direct contact with bodily fluids from an infected person, and the risk to Americans is extremely low.

That's because Ebola pushes every fear button in Americans' instincts, making them react more emotionally than rationally, experts say. "The worry that people are being subjected to as a result of the hysteria around this is probably doing more damage than the actual disease," said E. Alison Holman, a professor at the University of California, Irvine, who studied the health effects of populations worried after watching coverage of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the Boston Marathon bombing and Iraq war. "Frankly flu is

more serious."

## THE IMPACT OF FEAR

Holman found in studies published by the American Medical Association that the people who spent more time watching television coverage on the Sept.

less, Holman said. That was true even for those at the bombing.

Bruce McEwen, a neuroscientist who studies stress at Rockefeller University in New York, said the fear can lead people to change their lifestyle, making them

bad fear.

The good fear is the type we look for around Halloween in haunted houses or on roller coaster rides at amusement parks. It's short, intense, gets our juices going and removes boredom, said Vanderbilt University



**Three children on their way home from school stop to peer through the gate down at a building at The Ivy Apartments in Dallas where a man was diagnosed with having the Ebola virus was staying with family at the complex. Ebola is giving Americans a crash course in fear. Yet, they're incredibly less likely to get the disease than to get sick worrying about it.**

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

11 attacks — and reported fear and anxiety — were three times as likely to report new heart problems. The more coverage they watched, the more physical ailments they reported, she said. Similarly, after the Boston Marathon bombing, people who watched six hours or more of coverage reported far more stress than those who watched

isolate themselves, lose sleep, stop exercising, change their diet for the worse and drink or smoke. "It's likely to cause them problems down the road even if there is no direct infection," McEwen said.

## GOOD FEAR VS. BAD FEAR

There are two types of fear that can almost come down to good fear and

psychiatry professor David Zald. "There's a benefit of being afraid. In controlled situations, many of us enjoy briefly being afraid," Zald said. "It can whip our attention to the here and now like nothing else."

There's a sense of mastery or bravery that comes out of walking out alive from a haunted house or giant roller coaster, Zald said. □

## Study: kidney stones linked to weaker bones

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(HealthDay News) -- Kidney stone patients may be at increased risk for broken bones and may require treatment to protect their bone health, a new study suggests. Researchers led by Dr. Michelle Denburg, of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, analyzed data from nearly 52,000 British kidney stone patients and more than 517,000 people without kidney stones. During a median follow-up of nearly five years, kidney stone patients were at significantly higher risk for fractures, and this increased risk affected all bones, Denburg's team found. Overall, males with kidney stones were 10 percent more likely to suffer broken bones than those without kidney stones. The risk was highest among male teens -- those with kidney stones had a 55 percent higher risk for fractures than those without kidney stones. Among women, those with kidney stones had a 17 percent to 52 percent increased risk of fractures from their 20s to their 60s, with the highest risk among women aged 30 to 39, according to the study published online Oct. 23 in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*. The findings only point to an association between kidney stones and fracture risk, and do not prove a cause-and-effect relationship. However, the researchers believe that efforts to boost kidney stone patients' bone health might help shield them from fractures.

"Given that the median time from diagnosis of [kidney stones] to fracture was a decade, we might be able to intervene during this interval to reduce the burden of future fracture," Denburg said in a news release from the American Society of Nephrology.

More information

The U.S. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases has more about kidney stones. □

## Weight-loss surgery may raise risk of headaches

**Steven Reinberg**

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(HealthDay News) - After weight-loss surgery, some patients may be at risk for developing severe headaches, a new study suggests.

In a small number of people, the surgery was associated with a condition known as spontaneous intracranial hypotension -- or low blood pressure in the brain. The condition can trigger headaches while standing that disap-

pear when lying down. These headaches can be accompanied by nausea, vomiting, neck stiffness and difficulty concentrating, the researchers added.

But Dr. Mitchell Roslin, chief of bariatric surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, said the study is too small to be able to draw any firm conclusions.

"You're talking about 11 people out of more than 300, and that's a low number," said Roslin, who had no part in the study. "The

other thing that's strange is that these headaches showed up an average of 56.5 months after surgery, which is a long time.

"This would not be my concern if I was contemplating bariatric surgery," Roslin said.

The report was published online Oct. 22 in the journal *Neurology*.

Although it is not clear why this condition might develop after weight-loss surgery, the researchers speculated that significant

weight loss alters pressure in the brain, which might uncover a pre-existing condition that causes fluid to leak from the spine and trigger severe headaches. While the study showed an association between weight-loss surgery and an increased risk of severe headaches, it did not prove a cause-and-effect link.

For the study, a team led by Dr. Wouter Schievink, of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. □



## Tech firm fined for underpaying Indian workers

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A Silicon Valley company is paying more than \$43,000 in back wages and penalties after labor regulators found eight employees brought from India were grossly underpaid and overworked while assigned to a special project in the U.S.

The probe announced this week by the U.S. Department of Labor uncovered several egregious violations at Electronics for Imaging Inc., a printing technology specialist that generated revenue of \$728 million last year, when the misconduct occurred.

Among other things, Electronics for Imaging paid the eight workers far below California's required minimum wage — \$8 per hour at the time — while they helped the company move its headquarters from Foster City, California, to Fremont, California, during a three-month period, according to the Labor Department.

While assigned to the project, some of the Indian workers logged as many as 122 hours in a week without being paid overtime. As result, they received as little as \$1.21 per hour.

Electronics for Imaging says it "unintentionally overlooked" U.S. laws requiring foreign workers to be paid at least minimum wage, with overtime for more than 40 weekly hours on the job. Instead, the company gave the Indians unspecified bonuses while paying the transferred workers the same wages they normally received in their normal jobs in Bangalore, India. The workers were even paid in rupees while in the U.S.

Michael Eastwood, a Department of Labor assistant district director, said the abuses at Electronics for Imaging were among the most outrageous he had ever seen — even worse than problems he had seen at garment factories in southern California.

## Google's streaming music service anticipates mood

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Google's music-subscription service will try to anticipate its listeners' mood swings as it amplifies its competition with Pandora, Spotify and other popu-

a preference for rock and an aversion for country music would be more likely to hear the Rolling Stones perform "Monkey Man" than "Dead Flowers" in their mixes.

Subscribers also will be able to request playlists de-

delivering soundtracks that suit listeners' discrete tastes and lifestyles.

Making the right recommendation is becoming more crucial now that Google, Pandora and Spotify have secured the licensing rights to most of

uct manager for Google Play Music, which runs All Access.

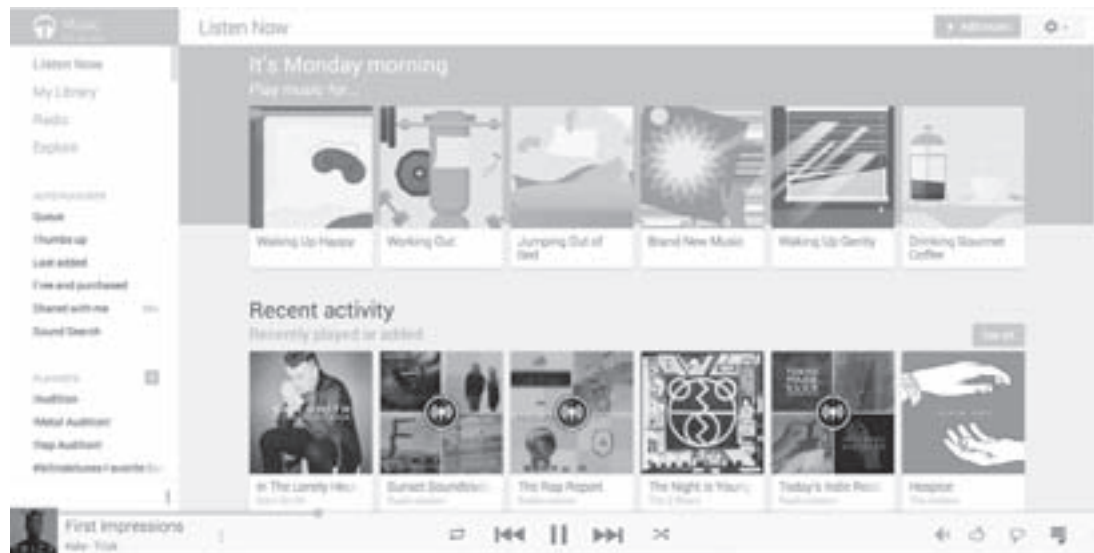
"We want to get our listeners to the right music to fit the mood and make them feel good."

Google Inc. picked up the mood-melding technology in its July purchase of Songza, a free music service with about 5 million listeners.

Google's All Access service launch just 17 months ago, leaving the company that runs the Internet's dominant search engine and other leading digital services in the unfamiliar position of trying to catch up.

Pandora Media Inc.'s free Internet radio station boasts 76 million monthly listeners, while Spotify has 40 million listeners, including more than 10 million subscribers to its \$10-per-month service. Google hasn't disclosed how many people subscribe to its All Access service, which offers a music library spanning 30 million titles.

Selecting songs based on listener's shifting moods is similar to what a smart music player called Aether Cone does.



This product image provided by Google shows the mood music feature on the web version of Google Play. The new feature was released Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, in an update to Google Play's music subscription service, "All Access," which costs \$10 per month.

(AP Photo/Google)

lar services that play tunes over the Internet.

The \$10-a-month All Access service, which kicked off Tuesday, will make music suggestions based on educated guesses about each subscriber's mood and likely activities at certain points in the day or week.

For instance, a subscriber who opens the service on a smartphone on a Monday morning might be offered a playlist suited for commuting, going to the gym or getting motivated for work. Opening the app on Monday evening, though, might generate songs appropriate for eating dinner, studying or unwinding.

Six different music mixes created for different emotions and activities — with such labels as "Jumping Out of Bed" or "In The Lonely Hour" — will be automatically displayed for All Access subscribers in the U.S. and Canada. The mixes won't be played unless the subscriber selects one. The feature won't be immediately available in the other 43 countries where All Access is sold.

The mood music also will be tailored to each listener's tastes, so a subscriber who already has signaled

signed for specific activities such as napping or house-cleaning.

Google's attempt to cater to people's moods reflects the growing importance of

the same music.

"The content is roughly the same, so the main thing you can do for a user now is to have the right context," said Brandon Bilinski, prod-

## BANKRUPTCY SALE

The bankruptcy trustees of **AMAZŌNIA CHURRASCARIA N.V. d.b.a. AMAZŌNIA** offer for sale the movable equipment, inventory and stock of Amazonia to the highest bidder.

The movable equipment, inventory and stock consist of, among others, tables, chairs, kitchen equipment (coolers, freezers, dish washer etc.) flat screen tv's, audio equipment and its stock of (alcoholic) beverages (including 471 bottles of wine and 182 bottles of strong liquor). An overview of the movable equipment, inventory and stock that is for sale can be requested with the trustees.

On **Monday 27 October 2014 from 10am – 12pm** you are invited to inspect the movable equipment, inventory and stock at the address of Amazonia, J.E. Irausquin Boulevard 374.

A bid on the entire movable equipment, inventory and stock can be submitted in a sealed envelope ultimately by **Wednesday 29 October 2014 before 12pm**, upon which the trustees will open the envelopes at 2pm the same day and will award the movable equipment, inventory and stock to the highest bidder.

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## Stocks jump on strong corporate earnings

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — A combination of strong company earnings and encouraging economic reports, both in the U.S. and Europe, gave the stock market another day of solid gains on Thursday.

Caterpillar jumped after its third-quarter earnings report was better than Wall Street analysts had been expecting. The company also raised its profit outlook for the year. 3M, the maker of Post-it notes, industrial coatings and ceramics, was among other companies that gained after releasing impressive third-quarter results.

Investors were also cheered by a report that showed the number of people applying for U.S. unemployment benefits remains at a historically low level, sug-

gesting that hiring is gaining steam. The index has gained on five of the last six days, and on Tuesday logged its biggest advance of the year.

"The economic backdrop here in the United States is continuing to look strong. Earnings are validating that," said Karyn Cavanaugh, a senior market strategist at Voya Investment Management.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 23.71 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,950.82. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 216.58 points, or 1.3 percent, to 16,677.90. The Nasdaq composite rose 69.95 points, or 1.6 percent, to 4,452.79.

Eight of the ten sectors in the S&P 500 gained, led by a surge in industrial companies after Caterpillar and 3M reported their earnings. Caterpillar said that some belt tightening had helped

ing to analysts at S&P Capital IQ. The rate of growth has slowed from 10.4 percent in the second quarter, but is forecast to pick up in the final three months of the year.

Stocks had started the day higher, following gains in European indexes, after a survey of the manufacturing and services sectors eased some fears that the region could be falling back into recession.

Financial information company Markit said its composite purchasing managers index for the 18-country bloc, a broad gauge of business activity, rose to 52.2 in October from 52 in September. Analysts had expected a small decline. Readings above 50 suggest expansion.

Although the reports from Europe "weren't fantastic," they suggested that



**Specialist Glenn Carell, left, directs trading at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A combination of strong company earnings and encouraging economic reports, both in the U.S. and Europe, gave the stock market another day of solid gains on Thursday.**

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Solid company earnings are sending the stock market higher and helping it recover from a jarring drop in mid-October that gave the Standard & Poor's 500 index its biggest slump in two

it contend with a slowing global economy. The company's CEO said he was hopeful that economic growth would pick up next year. Caterpillar's stock rose \$4.70, or 5 percent, to \$99.27. 3M gained \$6.10, or 4.4 percent, to \$145.05.

Companies in the S&P 500 have reported earnings growth of 5.5 percent for the third quarter, accord-

the region would avoid sliding back into recession, said David Lebovitz, Global Market Strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds. Concerns about the worsening growth outlook in Europe helped push stocks sharply lower last week.

"It almost feels like the markets can breathe a sigh of relief for the time being," Lebovitz said.



**A 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 4WD LTZ Crew Cab pickup truck is on display at Miami Lakes AutoMall in Miami Lakes, Fla. General Motors reported strong quarterly earnings on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

## GM 3Q profit nearly doubles

**TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Auto Writer**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Big profits from rising SUV and truck sales in North America helped General Motors nearly double its third-quarter net profit and more than offset its struggles in Europe and South America.

The automaker posted net income of \$1.38 billion, or 81 cents per share. In the year-ago quarter, GM made \$698 million, or 45 cents per share.

The July-September quarter was the first this year without significant charges for recalls. GM has issued 75 recalls in 2014 covering more than 30 million vehicles, costing the company more than \$2.8 billion.

Without \$331 million in one-time items, GM would have made 97 cents per share, exceeding Wall Street's expectations. Analysts polled by FactSet expected 95 cents.

Revenue grew 2 percent to \$39.25 billion, above expectations of \$38.79 billion. GM shares rose more than 2 percent in premarket trading.

In North America, revamped pickup trucks and SUVs helped to push GM's pretax profit up 12.1 percent to just over \$2.4 billion. The company's profit margin — the amount of revenue it gets to keep — hit 9.5 percent, the fifth-straight quarter of growth. In China, pretax profit rose 14 percent to \$484 million. GM's North American

wholesale vehicle sales rose about 60,000 over last year, and half the increase came from pickup trucks and SUVs with high sales prices, said Chief Financial Officer Chuck Stevens.

"The new trucks and SUVs are more profitable than the ones they replaced. That certainly helps from a profit perspective," he said. GM sold 884,000 vehicles in North America during the quarter, an increase of 9.4 percent.

But the company's loss in Europe, including Russia, grew 63 percent to \$387 million. GM also lost \$32 million in South America. But Stevens said both regions improved from previous quarters as cost cuts took hold.

The company expects to record a pretax profit in Europe during 2016.

Stevens said GM spent about \$700 million on recall repairs during the third quarter, although the expenses were booked during the first half of the year. The biggest recall expense stems from the call back of 2.6 million small cars to fix faulty ignition switches that have been linked to 29 deaths. GM has hired compensation expert Kenneth Feinberg to pay victims and their families and expects to pay \$400 million to \$600 million in claims.

GM said the quarter included \$200 million in restructuring costs, mainly for the closure of an assembly plant in Germany.



## Microsoft sales rise 25%; investors reward its shares

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SEATTLE - Microsoft reported on Thursday a 25 percent jump in sales for the quarter as its acquisition of Nokia's mobile phone business continued the company's transformation from a traditional software company.

For the three months that ended Sept. 30, Microsoft's fiscal first quarter, the company said its net income was \$4.54 billion, or 54 cents

a share, compared with \$5.24 billion, or 62 cents a share, a year ago.

The average estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters was 49 cents a share for the period and \$22.02 billion in revenue.

The profit decline was due in large part to a \$1.14 billion restructuring and integration expense related to the company's acquisition of the mobile business of Nokia, the Finnish handset manufacturer. Without that

expense, Microsoft would have reported earnings of 65 cents a share.

In July, Microsoft announced plans to reduce costs by laying off up to 18,000 employees, or about 14 percent of its global workforce, by the end of June next year. Most of the cuts are related to the company's Nokia acquisition. The results impressed investors, especially when compared to weak results from other technology bell-

wethers like IBM. "I thought these were stellar numbers in a choppy IT spending environment," said Daniel Ives, an analyst at FBR Capital Markets.

Microsoft shares rose more than 3 percent in after-hours trading.

The addition of Nokia to its business added \$2.6 billion in phone hardware revenue that did not exist for Microsoft during the year earlier period. Without that boost, Microsoft's revenue

would have grown 11 percent in the quarter.

Microsoft has struggled to get its footing in recent years as the personal computer and traditional software businesses have shown signs of weakness and newer technologies, like mobile and cloud computing, have surged. Microsoft has stumbled badly in mobile. Nokia's share of the worldwide smartphone market has declined in recent quarters. □

## Amazon loss exceeds forecasts, sending stock down

**DAVID STREITFELD**

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Amazon greatly lowered expectations last summer that it would make any money this year. But it did not lower them enough.

Amazon, the retailer and entertainment company, reported Thursday that it lost 95 cents a share in the third quarter, compared with a loss of 9 cents in 2013. Analysts had expected a loss of 74 cents a share, according to Yahoo Finance. Revenue, as always at the e-commerce giant, grew strongly, but a little less than expected. Sales during the quarter were \$20.58 billion. Analysts had expected \$20.84 billion.

Amazon shares fell 10 percent after hours on the news, which was reported after the close of regular trading. Over the past year, as worries about Amazon have picked up, the pre-

viously highflying stock has fallen about 15 percent.

The company was cautious

in the best case, it would make less than it did last year. It also said its revenue

amount that would be thrilling to any other big retailer but that is much less than

Before the earnings were released, analysts were generally enthusiastic. Cowen & Co. said it expected Amazon to lose "only" 57 cents a share. Colin Gillis of BGC Partners, usually somewhat skeptical of Amazon, issued an upbeat note that focused on the potential of the company to use its hardware for an advertising network.

"We are actually mildly positive on the potential of the current investment cycle as Amazon builds an ecosystem with its Kindle readers (success), tablets (mild success), App store (mild success), Fire TV (limited traction but a good product) and phone (failure, priced too high and limited distribution)," Gillis wrote. He noted that the retailer knew where its tens of millions of customers lived, what they liked and how they consumed. □



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos walks on stage to give a speech in Seattle. Amazon.com reported quarterly financial results on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

in its outlook for the fourth quarter, saying that even

in the quarter might grow as little as 7 percent - an

Amazon's traditionally robust growth.

## Union Pacific 3Q profit chugs ahead 19 percent

**JOSH FUNK**

AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Union Pacific Corp. delivered a 19 percent increase in its third-quarter profit as the railroad hauled 7 percent more freight and increased rates.

"We are optimistic about the remainder of the year," CEO Jack Koraleski said. "Assuming the economy and weather cooperate, we are well positioned to finish up the year with record results."

The Omaha, Nebraska-

based railroad said Thursday that it earned \$1.37 billion, or \$1.53 per share, for the quarter ended Sept. 30. That's up from \$1.15 billion, or \$1.24 per share, a year ago. Union Pacific's revenue climbed 11 percent to \$6.18 billion from \$5.57 billion.

Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected Union Pacific to report earnings per share of \$1.51 on revenue of \$6.10 billion.

Union Pacific reported the most growth in shipments of intermodal shipping con-

tainers, industrial products and agricultural goods.

Coal was the only sector that didn't grow in the quarter but after the decrease in coal demand in recent years, reporting flat coal volumes and a 2 percent increase in revenue was positive. Edward Jones analyst Logan Purk said Union Pacific again delivered impressive results while controlling costs well.

"Union Pacific has shown they can do much more with the type of growth they're seeing," Purk said.

Citi Investment Research analyst Christian Wetherbee said the results demonstrate the strength of Union Pacific's operations especially with the large number of weather disruptions. "The quarter was strong from top to bottom," Wetherbee said.

Investors have been talking about the possibility of railroad mergers because Canadian Pacific and CSX railroads disclosed they held preliminary talks about combining before abandoning the idea.

But Koraleski said he doesn't think merging any of the big railroads makes sense because it wouldn't necessarily improve service and could run into regulatory problems.

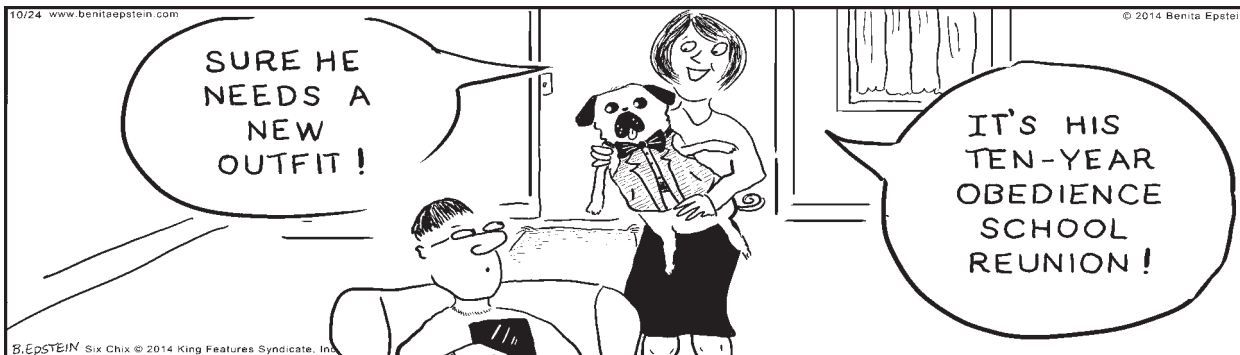
"I am not convinced that merging is the way you solve service issues in this industry," Koraleski said. "Particularly right now, I don't think mergers make sense." But if other major railroads did move forward with a merger, Koraleski said Union Pacific would have to re-evaluate the situation. □



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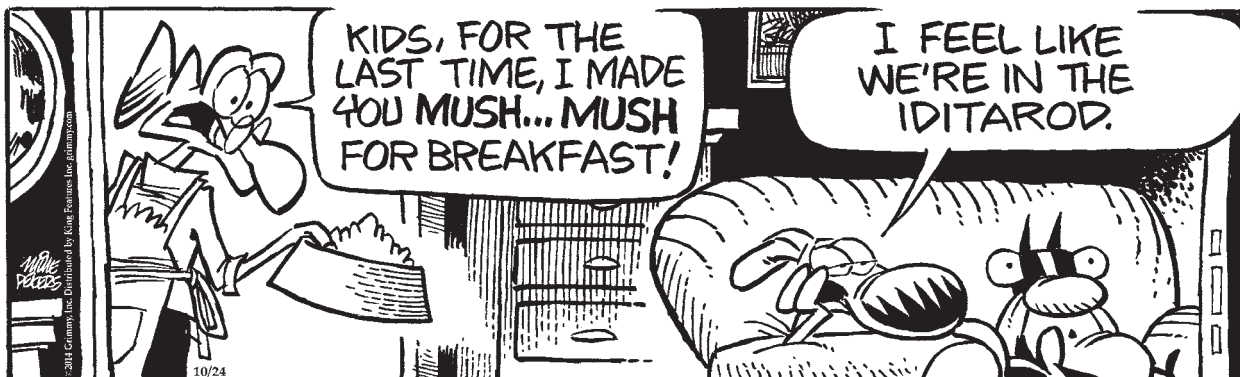
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer	9	7	3	2	8	5	6	1	4
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Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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## Dubai cuts profile as plastic surgery hub



In this Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014 photo, Emma Jordan, a 33-year-old British resident of Dubai and mother of three, receives a testament called Legato Microplasma for her stretch mark removal from Jelena Jovanovic, a skin care and laser specialist, at the Wellbeing Medical Centre in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Emma chose to undergo a breast augmentation and stretch mark removal in Dubai instead of in London because she saw that the price - around 9,200 U.S. dollars in total - was similar, but waiting times were shorter and the procedure more personal.

(AP Photo/Kamran Jebreili)

**AYA BATRAWY**  
**Associated Press**

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Dubai, the emirate known for its celebration of over-the-top glamour and luxury, is racing ahead to dominate the Middle East's plastic surgery market with plans to attract half a million medical tourists in six years.

Where cosmopolitan Beirut was once the region's best known city for going under the knife, turmoil in Syria and violence often spilling into Lebanon is driving away wealthy Arab tourists. After splashing out on medical infrastructure over the past years, Dubai already ranks globally and aims to move up the list of top international destinations for medical tourism.

It plans to attract 20 million tourists by 2020 — with half a million medical tourists bringing in revenues of 2.6 billion dirhams (\$710 million). The Dubai Health Authority says that around 120,000 medical tourists came last year, generating revenue of around \$200 million — a 12 percent boost from the previous year.

That already puts it ahead of Turkey, with 110,000 medical travelers, and Costa Rica, with 40,000 to 65,000, according to 2013 figures from Patients Beyond Borders, a U.S. group that collects data on the industry. Lebanon does not

rank among top countries for medical travel, but Beirut was once the region's premier spot for nips and tucks, notably drawing many Arab celebrities.

Globally, medical tourism is big business. It is estimated to generate \$50 billion to \$60 billion a year and grow to an annual \$100 billion in the next decade.

To cash in on the boom, Dubai has rolled out three-month renewable visas for medical tourists and their companions and launched a campaign to brand itself as the Middle East's top destination for wellness and plastic surgery.

Vasilica Baltateanu, who started up the United Arab Emirates' first plastic surgery consultancy, Vasilica Aesthetics, said Dubai's glamour factor is driving the trend among the region's well-heeled tourists who want to shop, indulge in spas and relax in opulent hotels.

"You don't find them going anymore to Beirut and (they) are coming to Dubai. Why? It's much safer in Dubai," she said. "I think they also choose Dubai because there are the best restaurants here, the best hotels. So you do a surgery and at the same time you can have a nice holiday."

The World Travel & Tourism Council said in its annual 2014 report that the UAE was expected to attract

12.2 million international tourists this year, with Lebanon welcoming just 1.3 million.

A company specialized in laser treatments, Silkor, says it brought its business to Dubai instead of waiting for Gulf clients to come to Lebanon, where it has opened eight branches since its founding 15 years ago. In less than half that time, the company established six branches in the UAE and has plans to open two more. □

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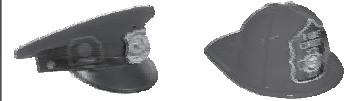
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# Goofy dinosaur blends Barney and Jar Jar Binks

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
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**WASHINGTON (AP)**— Nearly 50 years ago, scientists found bones of two large, powerful dinosaur arms in Mongolia and figured they had discovered a fearsome critter with killer claws.

Now scientists have found the rest of the dinosaur and have new descriptions for it: goofy and weird.

The beast probably lumbered along on two legs like a cross between TV dinosaur Barney and Jar Jar Binks of Star Wars fame. It was 16 feet tall and 36 feet long, weighing seven tons, with a duckbill on its head and a hump-like sail on its back. Throw in those killer claws, tufts of feathers here and there, and no teeth — and try not to snicker.

And if that's not enough, it ate like a giant vacuum cleaner.

That's *Deinocheirus mirificus* (DY'-noh'-KY-ruhs mur-IHF'-ee-kuhs), which means "terrible hands that look peculiar." It is newly reimagined after a full skeleton was found in Mongolia and described in a paper released Wednesday by the journal *Nature*. Some 70 million years old, it's an ancestral relative of the modern ostrich and belongs to the dinosaur family often called ostrich dinosaurs.

"*Deinocheirus* turned out

to be one the weirdest dinosaurs beyond our imagination," study lead author Yuong-Nam Lee, director

of the Geological Museum in Daejeon, South Korea, said in an email.

When scientists in 1965



**This undated handout image provided by Michael Skrepnick, Dinosaurs in Art, Nature Publishing Group, shows a *Deinocheirus*. Nearly 50 years ago, scientists found two large powerful arm bones of a new dinosaur species in Mongolia and figured it was a fearsome critter with killer claws. Now scientists have found the rest of the dinosaur and have new descriptions for the dinosaur: "goofy" and "weird."**

(AP Photo/Michael Skrepnick)

found the first forearm bones — nearly 8 feet long — many of them envisioned "a creature that would strike terror in people," said University of Maryland dinosaur expert Thomas Holtz Jr., who wasn't part of the study. "Now it's a creature that would strike bemusement, amazement." And yes, he said, "it's pretty goofy."

The find is tremendous but is a cautionary tale about jumping to conclusions without enough evidence, said University of Chicago dinosaur expert Paul Sereno, who wasn't part of the discovery.

It also reminds us that evolution isn't always what we think, Sereno said.

"This is evolution in a dinosaur — not a mammal — world," Sereno said in email. "The starting point is a two-legged animal looking somewhat like a fuzzy-feathered ostrich. Now you want to get really big and

suck up lots of soft vegetation. In the end you look like a goofy Michelin ostrich with fuzz and a tail — not a cow."

Lee figures the tilted wide hips and massive feet show that *Deinocheirus* was a slow mover and probably grew so big to escape from being regularly feasted on by bigger dinosaurs.

It had a beak that could eat plants, but it also had a massive tongue that created suction for vacuuming up food from the bottoms of streams, lakes and ponds, Lee wrote.

Originally Lee's team couldn't find the dinosaur's skull, but a tip from another researcher led them to recover it from the private market in Germany.

Some kids will soon adopt this dinosaur as their favorite, Holtz said, "and those are kids with a sense of humor."

## Stone tools show ancient settlement in Andes

**MALCOLM RITTER**  
**AP Science Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The air was thin, the nights were cold, the sun could easily burn the skin. But about 12,000 years ago, small groups of hunter-gatherers found a home very high up in the Peruvian Andes.

Now, their stone tools and other artifacts have revealed their presence at about 14,700 feet (4,480 meters) above sea level, about as high as the Matterhorn and much higher than Machu Picchu. They lived there nearly 1,000 years earlier than any other known human habitation anywhere above even 13,000 feet (4,000 meters), researchers report.

Among the bogs, wetlands and grasslands of the treeless plateau, the ancient people found plentiful deer and wild ancestors of llamas and alpacas to hunt for food and clothing between 12,000 and 12,500 years ago. There were rock shelters to live in, and de-

posits of obsidian for making stone tools. While the plants weren't edible, some contained combustible resin and made for "really nice warm fires," says researcher Kurt Rademaker.

"I can't say why people first went there," said Rademaker, an author of a report released Thursday by *Science*. "But once they did go there, there were plenty of reasons to stay." Rademaker is a researcher at the University of Tuebingen in Germany and a visiting assistant professor at the University of Maine in Orono. He led a research team that uncovered two sites of high-altitude Andes settlement in southern Peru, within about 100 miles (160

kilometers) of the Pacific coast and roughly west of Lake Titicaca.

Both sites included workshops for making stone tools. Hundreds of tools were found there, including scrapers that were evidently used to make clothing from hides. Sharpened points were probably used for spears. Bone and shell beads, used for adornment, were also recovered. Rademaker said he doubts people lived there year-round, noting the rainy season from December to March.

"You're cold," he said. "You're being rained on and snowed on and sleeted on all day long. It makes for misery."



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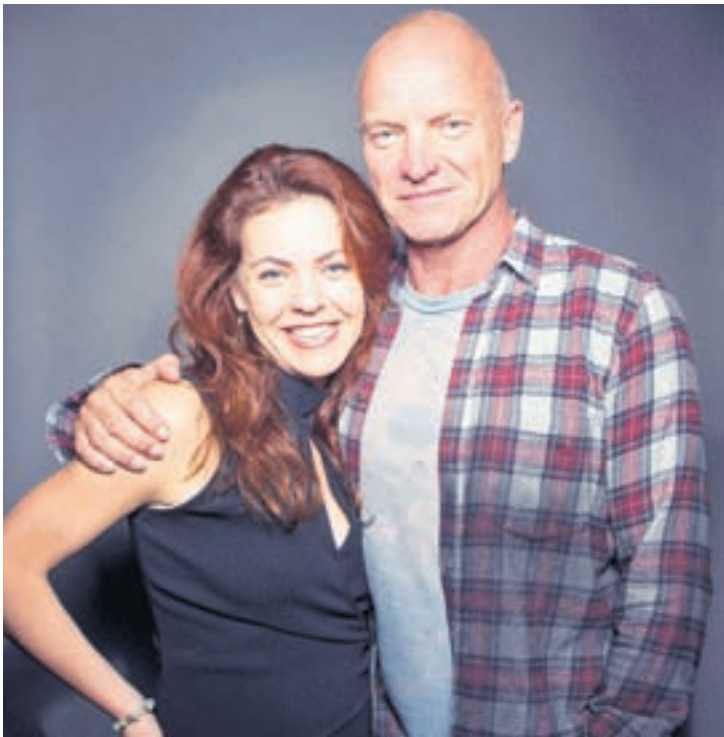
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# Sting and his 'The Last Ship' star go home



Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter Sting poses for a portrait with Rachel Tucker, who makes her Broadway debut in Sting's musical "The Last Ship" at Neil Simon Theatre in New York. (Photo by Taylor Jewell/Invision/AP)

**MARK KENNEDY**  
AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The actors in Sting's musical "The Last Ship" have plenty of pressure these days. The show is making its Broadway debut. There are last-minute changes. And Sting is pacing in the darkness.

"I'm at the back there every night, mouthing every syllable, which is an extra burden the poor things have," says the Grammy Award-winner at the Neil Simon Theatre. "They know I'm listening."

Hearing this, one of the stars, Rachel Tucker, nods and laughs. "It's true," she says. "He'll be, 'Where was the 't' in 'light?'"

Sting's tremendous skills as a songwriter — not to mention his perfectionist streak — are both being tested with "The Last Ship," which opens Sunday.

The show marks his maiden voyage into composing musical theater and Sting seems tired, but game. Sitting beside Tucker in the theater's empty seats before a recent preview, he could see the finish line.

"It began as my dream and then became everybody's," he says. His lovely, powerfully voiced co-star mouths a "thank you" and bows in his direction.

"The Last Ship" is a semi-autobiographical story

about a prodigal son who returns to his northern England shipbuilding town to reclaim the girl he abandoned when he fled years before.

"The imagery of the sea and ships is very fertile. I mean, we came from the sea. Everything came from the sea," he says. "I just tapped into that. I tapped into my own ancestry and my community, and behold we have a musical."

Sting, born Gordon Sumner, drew on his childhood, growing up in Newcastle's Wallsend neighborhood, near the Swan Hunter shipyards, which built more than 1,600 ships before closing in 1993.

The show's evocative lyrics are by a master craftsman himself — "The roar of the chains and the cracking of timbers/The noise at the end of the world in your ears." But comparisons only go so far.

"It's rooted certainly in my experience and something I know about," says Sting. "But we're not telling a biographical story. There are elements of my life in this thing, but that's not what we're doing, I promise you."

The project began as a CD and PBS concert special before it was turned into a stage version for a pre-Broadway stop in Chi-

cago this summer. Pulitzer Prize and Tony-winning lyricist Brian Yorkey ("Next to Normal") and Tony-winner John Logan ("Red") wrote the book, and Tony-winner Joe Mantello ("Wicked") directs. Sting doesn't appear in it, but he is fully involved in every aspect. He's in back during every performance, after all.

While it may mark Sting's debut as a musical composer, he's familiar with the stage, having started his musical career in the orchestra pit in Newcastle playing bass for a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." He's also been onstage on Broadway in 1989's revival of "The Threepenny Opera."

Asked if much had

changed since the Chicago run, he turns impish: "It's now set in a gay disco. Not a radical change. We just figured it was too butch," he says, laughing.

Tucker, a native of the shipbuilding Northern Ireland city of Belfast who plays the object of a love triangle in the show, downloaded Sting's CD before going on holiday and was transported home.

"Every song I listened to I was like, 'That is a story in itself.' It got me. It brought me home to Belfast," says the singer, who starred as Elphaba in "Wicked" in the West End and is making her Broadway debut. "It took me home."

Working with the 16-time Grammy winner who led the seminal band The Po-

lice has turned Tucker into a "giddy 2-year-old." To get into character, she visited Newcastle, went to the shipyard at Wallsend and even picked up a rivet from the ground as a keepsake.

"It's a complete dream come true," she says.

Sting describes his hometown as "poetic" and "bizarre," filled with huge hulks of steel, like industrial dinosaurs. "I think it fed my muse as a child, living next to a shipyard, living with those people and those strange, surreal giant artifacts," he said.

He insists he isn't romanticizing the shipyards, which he studiously avoided, as toxic and dangerous. The Swan Hunter shipyards had one of the worst safety records in western Europe. □

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## NY court backs EMI over Duke Ellington royalties

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ALBANY, New York (AP) — New York state's highest court on Thursday sided with EMI in the music publisher's dispute with Duke Ellington's heirs, but acknowledged global industry consolidation has made contracts like his much more favorable to publishers. The late pianist, bandleader and composer wrote "It Don't Mean a Thing" and other big band hits. He signed the 1961 deal with Mills Music, predecessor of EMI, now part of global Sony/ATV Music Publishing. The standard songwriter

royalty contract specified an even split of net revenues between the publisher and Ellington. EMI presently deducts 50 percent commissions to foreign subpublishers that are now company affiliates before splitting the rest with Ellington's heirs.

His grandson Paul Ellington sued in 2010, alleging breach of contract.

Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam wrote that "globalization of the music industry has rendered this 'net receipts' arrangement much more favorable to music publishers than to artists." But, she added, "we must

examine the parties' intentions based on the plain language within the four corners of the agreement." Richard Scarola, an attorney representing Paul Ellington, said hundreds of thousands of dollars were at stake, and potentially millions on behalf of many artists from the same period. He said Thursday they're disappointed, but the decision doesn't foreclose challenges to the industry practice of a single enterprise taking 75 percent of artist royalties for itself based on breaches of good faith and fair dealing. Sony/ATV Music Publishing

did not immediately reply to a request for comment. The Court of Appeals split 5-2 Thursday in concluding the 1961 contract language was "unambiguous," binding only Mills and "any other affiliate" at the time.

The term was intended to apply only to those affiliates then in existence because it contained no "forward-looking language," Abdus-Salaam wrote. Judges Victoria Graffeo, Susan Read and Eugene Pigott Jr. agreed with her.

She noted that music industry contracts now usually employ "at source" formu-

las where the artist collects royalties based on a percentage of income determined before licensing fees are deducted.

In a concurring opinion, Judge Robert Smith disagreed that the contract applied only to old affiliates, which thereby invites publishers to create new affiliates to get around old contract terms. However, he said EMI provided Ellington's heirs semi-annual royalty statements since at least 1994 that clearly disclosed payments to affiliated subpublishers, with no record of complaints until 2008. □

## Halle Berry: Underneath, women love underwear

**FRAZIER MOORE**

AP Television Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — What's in a bra? Femininity, sexiness and self-empowerment, says Halle Berry, who is launching a lingerie line she says will do it all.

The Oscar-winning actress is reviving Scandale, a lingerie label born in France in 1932.

"We've taken this brand and revamped it," Berry said in an interview Thursday. "But we've kept all the qualities of the Parisian sort of style intact."

The collection of 10 bras and panties will be sold by Target, and while "rich with history and heritage," will boast "a very good price," said Berry, who, beneath her lacy dress displayed a black Illusion demi bra (less than \$20).

Berry is an owner of the Scandale Paris line and said she plays a hands-on

role in design, declaring, "I think I have a pulse on what American women want."

She agreed that, for guys, the choice of undergarments is largely a question

of boxers or briefs. "But most women know that what you put under your clothes is the first step in making yourself feel good about yourself."

Women buy lingerie mainly for themselves, she went on, quickly adding, "When they find something they feel good in, and that makes them feel sexy and feminine and empowered, their partners also reap the benefits." Berry, who won a Best Actress Academy Award for the 2001 drama "Monster's Ball," came to television last summer in the CBS sci-fi series "Extant." For this film veteran, series TV, with its faster-than-film pace and longer-than-film hours, was "a rude awakening," she confessed. But now she's braced to resume production for next season in February. □



Actress Halle Berry arrives at an awards ceremony in New York. The Oscar-winning actress is reviving Scandale Paris with a collection of 10 bras and panties to be sold by Target, and while "rich with history and heritage," they will boast "a very good price," said Berry.

(Evan Agostini/Invision/AP)

## Tax trial for 'The Situation' set for December

**DAVID PORTER**

Associated Press  
NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — A judge on Thursday set a trial date in early December in the federal tax case against "Jersey Shore" star Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and his brother.

Sorrentino and brother Marc appeared in U.S. District Court for a brief hearing. As they had done at their initial court appearance a month ago, their

attorneys entered not guilty pleas on their behalf.

A trial date was set for Dec. 2. Neither Sorrentino commented during the hearing or outside the courthouse afterward.

The arraignment was originally scheduled for Oct. 6 but was postponed because Mike Sorrentino was filming another reality show in Los Angeles. His attorney wrote in a letter to the court that Sorrentino and his fi-

ancee were scheduled to appear on "Marriage Boot Camp."

The brothers were charged last month with one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States, which is punishable by a maximum prison sentence of five years.

Prosecutors say they filed bogus tax returns and inflated business expenses to avoid paying taxes on nearly \$9 million in income.

Marc Sorrentino faces three counts of filing false returns from 2010 to 2012, and Mike Sorrentino is charged with two counts, in addition to one count of failing to file taxes for 2011. Prosecutors say the conspiracy ran from early 2010 to late 2013 in Monmouth and Ocean counties in New Jersey.

The false filing counts carry maximum prison sentences of three years, while failure to file carries a maximum

penalty of one year in prison.

The cast members of "Jersey Shore" were known for their rowdy lifestyle that occasionally led to legal scrapes.

In July, "The Situation" agreed to take anger management classes to resolve assault charges stemming from a July 15 fight with his brother at their family's tanning salon in Middletown Township. □



# How To Defeat Ebola



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An alarming new symptom of Ebola in America: It seems to make brains mushy and hearts hard.

In New Jersey, two students from Rwanda, which has had no Ebola cases and is 2,800 miles from the affected countries in West Africa, are being kept home. Navarro College in Texas rejected applicants from Nigeria, initially stating that it would not accept students from countries with Ebola cases - a bit problematic because that would mean no longer accepting Americans.

The former executive director of the South Carolina Republican Party, Todd Kincannon, suggested (perhaps satirically) one way to control the disease: All people who tested positive for the Ebola virus could be "humanely put down."

Many Republicans and some Democrats have been calling for a ban on flights from the Ebola-affected West African countries. A Reuters poll indicated that almost three-quarters of Americans favored such a ban on flights.

It's a superficially attractive idea but also a reflection of our mixed-up notions of how to protect ourselves. The truth is that Ebola is both less serious and far more serious than we think.

It's less serious here because, in the end, the United States and other countries with advanced health systems can suppress Ebola outbreaks. Granted, the Dallas hospital bungled its response. Still, if Nigeria and Senegal can manage Ebola successfully, so can the United States. We won't have an epidemic here.

Yet Ebola is more serious because there is a significant risk that it will become endemic in West Africa and spin off to other countries in the region or to India, Bangladesh or China. Ebola in India would be a catastrophe.

Oxfam rightly warns that more resources are needed to prevent Ebola from becoming the "definitive humanitarian disaster of our generation." And if the virus lingers or spreads among poor countries, it will periodically travel to America. In a globalized world, Ebola anywhere is a threat to people everywhere.

There are also security risks. Aum Shinrikyo, a Japanese terrorist group, tried to collect Ebola samples in Congo in 1992 for bioterror weapons but failed. Today, it would be easy to collect the virus, and a few suicide operatives could deliberately con-

tract Ebola and then travel to the United States to spread the virus. (However, if the aim is mass murder, it would be simpler and probably more effective just to set off bombs.)

In any case, the point is that global health is not just a warm and fuzzy kind of aid. It's also self-interest. It's also national security. The best way to protect ourselves is to eradicate Ebola at its source.

A flight ban would hamper that effort by making it more difficult to get health workers and supplies to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Dr. Peter Piot, who helped identify Ebola in 1976, tells me that flight bans would be counterproductive because they would "make aid really more difficult and expensive."

Likewise, Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health, tells me bluntly: "A ban would be worse than ineffective and would certainly hamper the efforts of groups like ours - and worsen the epidemic."

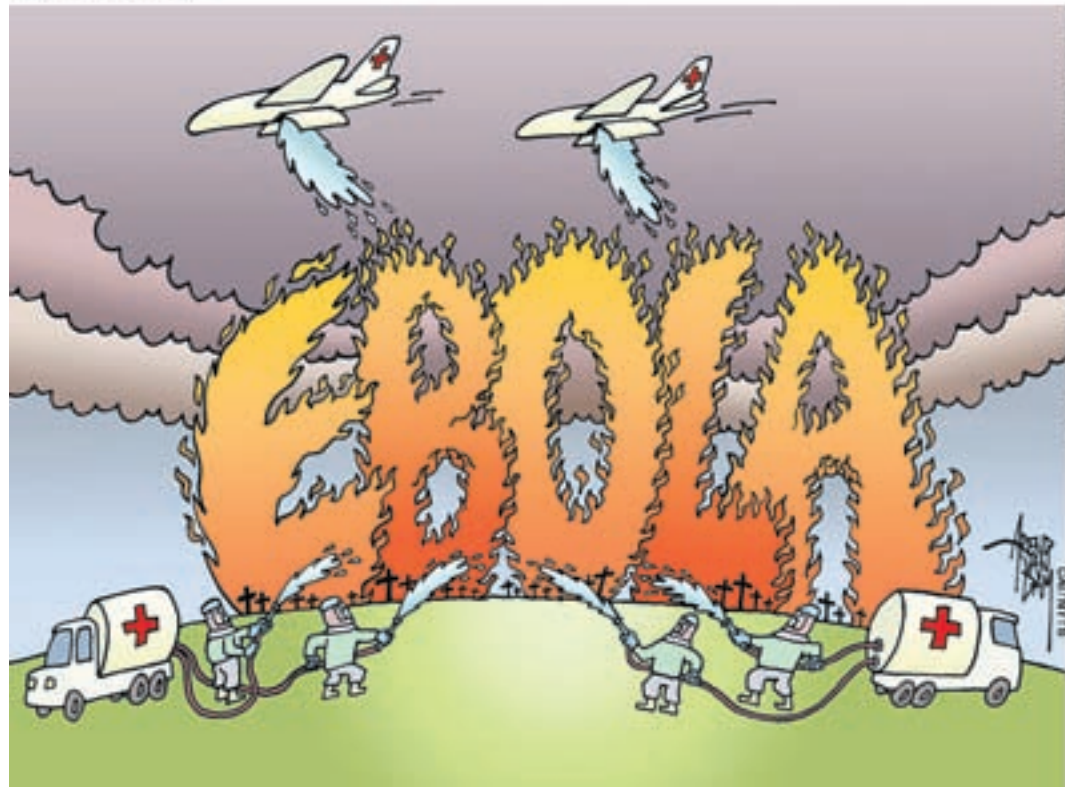
Even airport screenings may be a feel-good distraction. An editorial in BMJ, a medical journal, noted that Canada used questionnaires and thermal scanners to screen hundreds of thousands of people for SARS, spent \$15 million and didn't find a single case. The editorial suggests that airport screening "will have no meaningful effect" and that resources would be better used fighting Ebola in West Africa.

For all the fuss about our own borders, not nearly enough is being done where it counts most: in West Africa. Bravo to President Barack Obama for pledging up to 4,000 troops to fight the disease there, but the United States and other countries must do far more - and quickly! - if Ebola is to be defeated.

The number of Ebola cases is still doubling every two to four weeks, and these countries can't defeat the outbreak on their own. Liberia is said to have only 50 practicing doctors, according to Reuters, and there appears to be more Liberian doctors practicing in the United States than in Liberia. That brain drain means that Liberia, in effect, is providing medical foreign aid to the United States.

These are lovely countries with friendly people and some heroic health workers, but roads, electricity and other infrastructure are desperately weak. All Liberia can produce less than one-third as much electricity as the Dallas Cowboys football stadium consumes at peak times.

That's why the U.S. military's help in West Africa is crucial, and why it's a disgrace that less than half of a Sept. 16 U.N. target for Ebola response funds has been raised. Our values and interests coincide here. So let's calm down and get to work protecting America from Ebola by stopping this disaster at its source. □



## Monopsony Is Not Okay



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Amazon.com, the giant online retailer, has too much power, and it uses that power in ways that hurt America.

OK, I know that was kind of abrupt. But I wanted to get the central point out there right away, because discussions of Amazon tend, all too often, to get lost in side issues.

For example, critics of the company sometimes portray it as a monster about to take over the whole economy. Such claims are over the top - Amazon doesn't dominate overall online sales, let alone retailing as a whole, and probably never will. But so what? Amazon is still playing a troubling role.

Meanwhile, Amazon's defenders often digress into paeans to online bookselling, which has indeed been a good thing for many Americans, or testimonials to Amazon customer service - and in case you're wondering, yes, I have Amazon Prime and use it a lot. But again, so what? The desirability of new technology, or even Amazon's effective use of that technology, is not the issue. After all, John D. Rockefeller and his associates were pretty good at the oil business, too - but Standard Oil nonetheless had too much power, and public action to curb that power was essential.

And the same is true of Amazon today.

If you haven't been following the recent Amazon news: Back in

May a dispute between Amazon and Hachette, a major publishing house, broke out into open commercial warfare. Amazon had been demanding a larger cut of the price of Hachette books it sells; when Hachette balked, Amazon began disrupting the publisher's sales. Hachette books weren't banned outright from Amazon's site, but Amazon began delaying their delivery, raising their prices, and/or steering customers to other publishers.

You might be tempted to say that this is just business - no different from Standard Oil, back in the days before it was broken up, refusing to ship oil via railroads that refused to grant it special discounts. But that is, of course, the point: The robber baron era ended when we as a nation decided that some business tactics were out of line. And the question is whether we want to go back on that decision.

Does Amazon really have robber-baron-type market power? When it comes to books, definitely. Amazon overwhelmingly dominates online book sales, with a market share comparable to Standard Oil's share of the refined oil market when it was broken up in 1911. Even if you look at total book sales, Amazon is by far the largest player.

So far Amazon has not tried to exploit consumers. In fact, it has systematically kept prices low, to reinforce its dominance. What it has done, instead, is use its market power to put a squeeze on publishers, in effect driving down the prices it pays for books - hence the fight with Hachette. In economics jargon, Amazon is not, at least so far, acting like a monopolist, a dominant seller with the power to raise prices. Instead, it is acting as a monopsonist, a dominant buyer with the power to push prices down.

And on that front its power is really immense - in fact, even greater than the market share numbers indicate. Book sales depend cru-

cially on buzz and word of mouth (which is why authors are often sent on grueling book tours); you buy a book because you've heard about it, because other people are reading it, because it's a topic of conversation, because it's made the best-seller list. And what Amazon possesses is the power to kill the buzz. It's definitely possible, with some extra effort, to buy a book you've heard about even if Amazon doesn't carry it - but if Amazon doesn't carry that book, you're much less likely to hear about it in the first place.

So can we trust Amazon not to abuse that power? The Hachette dispute has settled that question: no, we can't.

It's not just about the money, although that's important: By putting the squeeze on publishers, Amazon is ultimately hurting authors and readers. But there's also the question of undue influence.

Specifically, the penalty Amazon is imposing on Hachette books is bad in itself, but there's also a curious selectivity in the way that penalty has been applied. Last month The Times' Bits blog documented the case of two Hachette books receiving very different treatment. One is Daniel Schulman's "Sons of Wichita," a profile of the Koch brothers; the other is "The Way Forward," by Paul Ryan, who was Mitt Romney's running mate and is chairman of the House Budget Committee. Both are listed as eligible for Amazon Prime, and for Ryan's book Amazon offers the usual free two-day delivery. What about "Sons of Wichita"? As of Sunday, it "usually ships in 2 to 3 weeks." Uh-huh.

Which brings us back to the key question. Don't tell me that Amazon is giving consumers what they want, or that it has earned its position. What matters is whether it has too much power, and is abusing that power. Well, it does, and it is. □



# Fitness Resorts: More Boot Camp Than Spa

**PAUL SULLIVAN**

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The irony did not escape Paula Thompson: As a regional vice president of a firm helping scores of companies administer wellness programs for their employees, the 58-year-old Ohio executive was not practicing what she preached. Years of job stress and a

road-food diet left her out of shape, overweight and exhausted. So she did what many people with her income and awareness level do: She went to a spa for two weeks in January - but not the type of pampering-and-yoga spa you might have in mind. Rather, she chose what some might not consider much of a vacation at all: A spa, yes, but also a regimented diet and fitness camp cum clinic where doctors evaluate you and nurses stick needles in you. And no booze is allowed. Her choice was VeraVia, on the beach north of San Diego, which promised to not just make her eat well, work

up a sweat and get healthy while she was there - many spas do that - but also get at underlying issues to help her change her behavior and think about wellness in ways meant to stick. And it offered follow-through: If she started to slip after she left, the program's polite nags would be in touch to get her back on track.

programs include a stress test, full physical, cardio evaluation and 75 minutes alone with an internal medicine doctor. The Pritikin Longevity Center, the granddaddy of health-based wellness spas, in a Mediterranean-style mansion in Miami, offers an executive physical on top of its core health, wellness

single glass of wine on the last night). Canyon Ranch charges \$5,310 for its four-day executive health package, but that's on top of at least \$3,590 for a double room for four nights. Pritikin starts at \$3,475 for two weeks, but the full executive physical, which starts at \$3,900, is on top of that. The high prices mean that

ic food, various types of exercise - often up to six hours a day - field trips to grocery stores to learn how to read labels and sessions with a psychologist or nutritionist. "Whereas choice in a lot of things is great, when it came to putting me on the right path to what I was doing, structure, at least for me, worked better," she said.

"When you don't know what you're doing or why you should be doing it, structure is important." Another guest, Dr. Jamil A. Kirdar, a cardiologist and assistant professor of medicine at Harvard University, found that like Thompson he needed structure. But he also liked the setting of VeraVia, a wellness boot camp in the midst of a luxury hotel.

"People are coming and going, weddings are being held, there's a bar open, multiple restaurants - you're not sequestered from real life," Kirdar said. "I'm going to a conference room and I'm passing by the bar; no one is going to stop you. But it doesn't even occur to you to order food."

And when he tried to slack off, he was called out. "Two or three of the staff together came to my room to see if everything was all right," he said. "It wasn't intrusive." But it got him back out exercising.

One of the principles of VeraVia is that it tailors a program to the person, adjusts it over time but then holds that person to the regimen to change behavior.

"VeraVia is the only truly all-inclusive, luxury health and wellness retreat to create lasting behavioral changes," said Wyatt Chapman, who founded it with his wife, Melissa.

At Canyon Ranch, the emphasis is more on personal exploration, of the property as well as a person's health. The goal is still the same: to give people a place to change their lifestyles, in this case through moments of reflection.

"It's like being in college, listening to the biology lecture and then going into the lab," said Emilie Goudey. □



**Guests and physical trainers walk around Batiquitos Lagoon at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad, Calif., in October, 2014. Many established spas and retreats like Aviara are retooling their offerings to attract the same target: wealthy, successful and highly stressed-out executives looking for more than pampering, but also exercise and wellness discipline programs.**

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VeraVia, which opened a year ago inside the Park Hyatt in Carlsbad, California, is among the spas that have identified a new niche in the lucrative wellness sector. Many more established retreats are retooling their offerings to attract the same target: wealthy, successful and highly stressed-out executives. This is not George Hamilton sunning himself poolside; it is Gordon Gekko learning work-life balance.

At Canyon Ranch in Lenox, Massachusetts, part of a chain known for its health and healing programs, there are now two-, four- and five-day programs tailored to executives. The

and spa program.

And Golden Door, once a hangout south of Los Angeles for actors getting fit for roles or rockers recovering from tours, offers a program at its 600-acre retreat that manages everything for stressed-out executives right down to the clothes they'll wear at the spa. All they have to do is pick a week.

And hand over the credit card. Regardless of the kind and quantity of doctors, none of these programs would be called cheap, and they are not covered by health insurance in most cases. Golden Door charges \$8,850 for seven days or \$6,000 for five (including a

for all but the top executives, such programs may not be annual excursions, which puts the pressure on them to get it right the first time. Thompson said that she'd like to go back for more, but that it was not in her budget for the coming year. VeraVia averages about \$1,000 a day; the four-day program costs \$4,200 and a four-week stay is just under \$27,000. During the prescribed schedule of her stay, Thompson said, she was out walking the beach at 7:30 a.m. and didn't return to her room until after dinner, at least 12 hours later. There would be classes on emotional eating or organ-